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SUMMARY.

"The Times" says that the navy estimates only show an increase of £14,000, the rest being automatic and inevitable.

All the newspapers realise that the naval programme is only temporary, and they anticipate a great increase in 1909.

The First Lord of the Admiralty states that the Admiralty possess abundant war plans and elaborated strategical operations.

He declares that a sound knowledge of long range shooting is thoroughly permeating the fleet.

The "Standard" deplores the reduction of the regular forces of the army by 5000 men.

"The Times" declares that the English sense of justice will resent the crippling of the rural schools of the Church by the Education Bill.

Father Vaughan, speaking at the East End, said the bill was an altogether impossible one.

The Archbishop of Westminster said he believed the bill would be unworkable. High Churchmen fiercely denounce the measure.

The Full Court of British Columbia upheld the Chief Justice's decision with regard to the imposing of the education test on Japanese.

They held that the test could not be applied to Japanese because it conflicted with the treaty with Japan.

In the fight for the feather-weight championship of the world Jim Driscoll beat Griffin, of New Zealand.

The visitor was disqualified in the fifteenth round for butting, after having been cautioned three times.

Great Britain has demanded indemnity from the Government of Liberia for the deaths of two English traders at Cape Palmas.

Mr. Kimber, solicitor for G. H. Druce, contradicts the statements of Mary Robinson so far as they affected him.

A pair of tunnels have been opened between Manhattan Island and New Jersey under the Hudson River.

In India upwards of one million people are in receipt of relief on account of famine.

The Supreme Court of Natal has refused to grant Dinizulu bail.

The Chief Justice thought the Crown must consider the complaint that Dinizulu was not allowed facilities to prepare his defence.

Japan intends to hold China to her pledge not to construct a railway likely to affect the traffic of the South Manchurian line.

Chinese newspapers claim that Japan will thus end the open door and cause the extinction of China's sovereignty in Manchuria.

The Full Court yesterday delivered judgment in the city street signs test case.

In this case, a bylaw prohibiting a sign over or near a street was attacked as being ultra vires and unreasonable.

The appeal was dismissed with costs, three Judges being unanimous.

The Board of Health officials have confirmed the suspicious death at Kempsey as one of plague.

Sanitary inspectors and rat-catchers have been sent up to the town to help stamp out the infection.

It is believed that the outbreak is due to a reimportation of rats from Sydney.

The test match was resumed at 1 o'clock yesterday, the delay in starting being due to the wicket being unfit to play on.

The Australians continued their innings, and were all disposed of for 422 runs.

The visitors had lost six wickets for 117 when stumps were drawn, Fane, 46, being the highest scorer.

At the Coal Court, Newcastle, yesterday the manager of the Rhondda and Co-operative mines gave evidence.

He said that much money was being lost in foreign coal trade on account of the uncertainty caused by strikes.

He complained that there was a shortage in the output because the men did not always work full time.

He thought the miners were doing too well lately, and that the sporting instinct was too strong in them.

The American who ran amok in Adelaide last week has been committed for trial on a charge of attempted murder.

The Adelaide police are struck with the similarity of the appearance of the accused and a man who obtained the address of Mr. Inuer, prior to his murder.

Their names are the same, and the accused came to Adelaide about the time of the murder of the diamond merchant.

In the Senate yesterday reference was made to Mr. Mauger's allegations concerning the want of sobriety among Maitland miners.

Senator Neild moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of debating the matter.

After many of the senators had deprecated Mr. Mauger's remarks, the motion was formally withdrawn.

The Lightning Ridge opal fields are booming, and from present appearances will outrival White Cliffs.

Owing to the bad state of the roads, there is a flour famine on the field.

In the miniature conspiracy case yesterday the jury failed to agree, and were discharged. The accused were remanded.

At the Parramatta Police Court yesterday a policeman was fined for sending a child under 14 to a hotel for liquor.

Owing to the early meeting of the State Parliament the Premiers' Conference has been postponed till April 22.

The Broken Hill Council resolved to ask the Government to extend the tram service to supply work for the unemployed.

It was stated that about 1500 men were out of work in the district.

On account of being unable to obtain sufficient labour, a number of dairymen at Mullumbimby are disposing of their herds.

At the Broken Hill Proprietary Mine yesterday a young man was killed by being buried under ten tons of slimes.

This is the tenth mining fatality at Broken Hill since the beginning of the year.

Two miners were killed at the Golden Horseshoe Mine, Kalgoorlie, on Tuesday.

One fell down a winze, and the other was going to recover the body, when the rope broke, and he fell to the bottom.

On account of the recent rains, the levels at both the Prospect and Cataract reservoirs have risen considerably.

At the Water Police Court, yesterday, Alf. Berman was committed for trial on a charge of stealing £364 worth of leather.

The headmaster of the Cleveland-street Public School advocates the removal of the free gymnasium from Prince Alfred Park.

He states that three of his pupils have received fractured arms through patronising it.

The Postmaster-General is to visit Sydney shortly to go into matters connected with the General Post Office.

At Brisbane, Miss Mabel Springfield lowered the ladies' quarter-mile swimming record by doing the distance in 7m 31s.

The health committee of the City Council recommends a bylaw to provide for the licensing and registration of restaurants.

At Adelaide three Chinese were imprisoned for having restricted aliens, and ordered to be deported.

The Mayor of Gundagai complains that the Government levy blackmail by making a man pay urgent rates to get a telegram through.

The English footballers will play three matches at Sydney, and one each at Bathurst and Newcastle, commencing on August 8.

At the sale of the Ben Lomond subdivision yesterday 4000 acres were sold at an average of £4 16s 3d.

The conference of the interstate Ministers of Agriculture on the fruit regulations will be opened to-day.

Typhoid fever is raging in the country districts of Victoria.

Further rains have fallen along the seaboard, and over parts of the highlands.

Heavy seas are reported at several ports, and stand-off signals are flying at Kiama.

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I do hereby appoint FRIDAY, the 6th March, 1908, at 12 o'clock, at noon, at the Town Hall, Alexandria-street, Hunter's Hill, as the day, place, and time of Nomination.

All Nominations must be in writing, and in accordance with the prescribed form, and be delivered to me at the Town Hall aforesaid not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1908.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of the Honorable WILLIAM ROBERT CAMPBELL, late of Chesterfield, Elizabeth Bay, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, a Member of the Legislative Council of the said State, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Accounts in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased have this day been filed in my office, and that the said Accounts will be proceeded with for audit and examined by me and passed accordingly, unless cause to the contrary be shown thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed accordingly. And further take notice that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of HERBERT DE YONGE SCROOGIE, one of the Executors of the Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased. Dated this twenty-fifth day of February, 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HERBERT DE YONGE SCROOGIE, Solicitor for Executors and Executrix, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and effects of PATRICK COMISKEY, late of Wodville-road, Fairfield, in the County of Middlesex, England, Gentleman, and of 8 Finch-lane, city of London, England, Gentleman, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Rivera Palace Hotel, Penzance, Cornwall, England, on September 24, 1903, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, 2 Spring-street, Sydney, the Administrator of the said Estate, on whom Letters of Administration, with the will annexed, were granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, on February 10, 1908, on or before the tenth day of April next, in default whereof the said Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, will after the last-mentioned date proceed to administer the Estate and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this twenty-first day of February, 1908. For PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, A. J. MACKENZIE, Manager. Messrs. MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Proctors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES GORTON, late of Glen Holme, near Bowral, in the State of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM GORTON and JAMES HERBERT GORTON, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served and particulars of all claims may be left at the office of the undersigned, whom Agents in Sydney are Messrs. McDONELL and MOFFITT, of George and Hunter-streets. Dated this twenty-seventh day of February, A.D., 1908. ELLIOTT and WALLER, Proctors for Executors, Bowral.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOSEPH ALLAN, late of Euchol, near Dubbo, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANE ALLAN, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and take notice that it is intended to apply to have the usual Administration Bond dispensed with; and all creditors are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned within one month from the publication hereof. McGUINN and McGUINN, Proctors for Administratrix, Dubbo, whose Agents are ELLIS and BUTTON, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY WHITTAKER, late of Harold's Cross, near Bathurst, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the said Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to RICHARD EASTLY and WILLIAM FREDERICK PERRITT, the Executors named therein. All persons having any claims against the said deceased are requested to send particulars of same to the undersigned within such fourteen days, and all notices may be served at the same address. DION ARTHUR GEE, Proctor for the Executors. Bridge-street, Bathurst. By his Agent, T. MICHELL, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA STAFFORD, late of 16 Napier-street, Fitzroy, in the State of Victoria, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased, granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria in its Probate Jurisdiction to CONSTANCE MARY GATLAND, the Executrix named in the said Will, may be sealed with the seal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its Probate Jurisdiction; and all notices may be served on applicant at the undermentioned address. CONSTANCE MARY GATLAND, Wentworth-road, Burwood.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPH BENNETT, late of Tempe, in the State of New South Wales, Carpenter, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDWARD AUBREY BENNETT STEPHEN, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. Creditors are requested to send in their claims. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors, 18 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HEPHZIBAH JANE PENWICK SKIPPER, late of Woodville-road, Fairfield, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HARRY SKIPPER, the eldest son of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. HARRY SKIPPER, Woodville-road, Fairfield.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FREDERICK THOMAS MOODIE, late of Orchard-road, Canfield, near Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, Land Valuer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court, and all notices may be served at the office of MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Spring-carts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1325.

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2 DRAUGHTS AND 1 LIGHT HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 2 B.H. Geldings, stanch workers, single or double harness, also Chestnut Harness Gelding, quiet and reliable, used to trams.

RELIABLE HARNESS PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Brown Pony Gelding, 4 yrs., broken thoroughly to saddle and harness, perfectly reliable and quiet.

B.M., HOLBROOK—MATILDA, 14.2, UNTRIED.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.45 a.m., The above.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS, 627 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, on account Messrs. M'Intosh Bros, D. Buffer, and other owners,

60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

TO DAIRYMEN, PRIVATE FAMILIES, AND OTHERS.

20 EXTRA CHOICE MILCH COWS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Dan. Buffer to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., 20 Extra Choice Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot, all heavy milkers, including 1 very fine Jersey, on 2nd calf, gives 20 quarts daily.

The above are described by Mr. Buffer as the best lot he has yarded here for some considerable time.

7 MILCH COWS, VEALERS, AND DURHAM BULL, FROM GOULBURN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Hy. Dunn, Goulburn, to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

7 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot, all good heavy milkers. Also, at 2.30 p.m., one truck prime Vealers and young Cattle, including young Dairy Bull.

Also,

ONE PURE DURHAM BULL, pedigree at Sale.

ST. MARYS.

CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, at 11.30 A.M.

1350 HEAD. 1350 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction as above. The following are the particulars of the various lots advised up to the present:—

200 First-class Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old.
200 Steers, all good colours, 2 to 3 years old.
100 Really Good Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old.
100 Thin Dairy Ditto, 9 to 18 months old.
220 Head, comprising 70 Dairy Heifers, 6 to 18 months old, and 50 2-year-old Steers.
80 Choice Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months old.
50 Good Store Cows.
100 Good Steers, 1½ to 2 years old.
100 Very Superior Dairy Heifers, 9 months, 2 years old.
250 Head, comprising 150 Steers, 2 and 3 years old, and 100 First-class Dairy Heifers, all good quality and well-grown Cattle.
25 Springing Cows and Heifers.
20 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.
75 Mixed Cattle, Store Cows, Heifers, and Steers.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 2.42 and 6.47.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, On account of NORTHFIELD AGENTS, Richmond River.

20 First-class Horses, comprising strong upstanding light Harness Horses, 4 to 6 years old, broken in, and including Pacing Mare, by Velocity.

ARCADIA STABLES, 127 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m.

VEHICLES, HARNESS, ETC.

J. H. BEALE will sell by auction, viz.:—
4 New Sulkies, 1 Waggonette, 1 English Brougham in good order, 1 Buckskin, 1 Long-shaft Sulky, 1 Wood-shaft Ditto, 1 Blood Mare, 5 Sets Harness, 2 Sidesaddles in good order, 4 Sets of Light Harness, 1 Set of Silver-mounted Pony Harness, Several Other Vehicles, and odd Harness.

Telephone, 5226.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

800 CHOICE DAIRY AND STORE CATTLE. 800

WEAVER and PERRY will sell by Auction, as above, on SATURDAY, 29th February, at 11.30 a.m. sharp,

On account of W. E. ROBLING, Esq., Victoria.

40 Choice Dairy Cows and Heifers, forward springers.

20 Purebred Jersey Heifers, silver greys and lemon fawns, 2½ to 3 years old, forward and springing to Jersey Bulls.

30 Grade Jersey Heifers, 2 to 3½ years old, good sorts and good condition

30 Ayrshire and Ayrshire Grade Heifers, 2½ to 3 years old.

2 Purebred Dairy Durham Bulls, rising 2 years. Pedigrees at sale.

These Cattle are nearly all Mr. ROBLING'S own breeding, and described as a particularly fine lot.

Also,

Account VARIOUS OWNERS.

25 Really Choice Cows and Heifers, forward springers, in good condition, from 1 to 6 weeks of calving

13 Pure Jersey Heifers, 2 years old, all springing, in right stage to truck on ship

240 Superior Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old, choice lots

60 Young Store Cows, in good condition

Really Choice Purebred Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months old

70 Steers 2½ years old, good colours and good condition

100 Steers, 1 to 2 years old, in good condition

N.B.—Competent drovers in attendance at the Saleyards. Cattle can be trucked or shipped as desired. Train leaves Sydney for St. Marys at 11.15 on morning of sale.

BLACKTOWN CATTLE SALE.

800 HEAD, 800.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 11.30 A.M.

A. McILLREE and CO. will sell by Public Auction, at their Blacktown Saleyards, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, February 28th, the undermentioned Cattle:—

120 Very Superior Dairy Heifers.
130 Bullocks, 2 to 3 years, tip-top lot, all good colours and condition.
120 Heifers, 2 to 3 years, good colours, in good condition.
60 Mixed Cattle, 12 to 18 months, a nice lot.
150 Steers, 18 months to 2 years, good colours, a nice lot.
50 Heifers, 2 years, nice sorts.
50 Steers, 2 years, good colours, in good condition.
80 Head, comprising Dry Cows, Springers, and Cows with calves at foot.
20 Mixed Cattle.
300 Poddies.

These Cattle will be carefully classed and sold in lots to suit purchasers. Reliable Drovers in attendance. Train leaves for Blacktown 10.15 a.m. Frequent return service.

A. McILLREE and CO.
STOCK AND PROPERTY SALESMEN,
26 Hunter-street, Sydney.

WOOL SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, BRIDGE-STREET, at 3 p.m., as under:—
Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.: 2500 Bales.
Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.: 2200 Bales.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogue TO-DAY, as under:—
At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place:—
HAIR, HORNS, and BUNDRIES, at 10 a.m.
TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF DIAMOND JEWELLERY, HIGH-CLASS WATCHES, Etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK,
AT THE AUCTION ROOMS, 247A PITT-STREET,
SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS,
DIAMOND BROOCHES, BRACELETS, and EARRINGS,
Gold Albertu, Muff Chains, Links, and Solitaires,
GOLD AND SILVER CHRONOGRAPHS,
DIAMOND BREASTPINS, STUDS, and LOCKETS,
GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES,
Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received Instructions from Mr. Joe Davis, of the Cambridge Loan Office, 26 Parkstreet, city, to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the whole of the Unredeemed Jewellery as above.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30,
at 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street.

M'Intosh, a very fine assortment of good useful Household-Furniture, Pictures, etc., sent in from Darlington, etc., for UNRESERVED SALE.

RY-CELA is a pleasant change from Cornflour Starch. It contains all the well-known sustaining properties of rice, and is therefore highly nutritious, easily digested.

RICHARDS'S AUCTION. THIS SATURDAY, Chesterwood BUILDING LOTS, fronting and off Mowbray-road. From £2 down. £1 month. Plans, 84B Pitt-street. See Auctions.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE'S ROOMS.

193-199 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 28th FEB., AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Whole of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
Removed from the Residence of
WALTER EALES, Esq.,
ERGILDOUNE, MOONBIE-STREET,
SUMMER HILL;
Also,
ON ACCOUNT OF
MRS. W. FUCH,
THE WHOLE OF HER
ARTISTIC MODERN FURNITURE
and
COSTLY APPOINTMENTS,
Removed from her Residential-chambers at No. 61 MARGARET-STREET, CITY,
including
GLASSWARE, CHINA, CUTLERY, and ELECTRO-PLATE.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
including
Several Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Dinner Waggons, Upholstered Suites.

SUITE OF CARVED OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.
OVERMANTELS and WALL MIRRORS.
LUXURIOUS COUCHES.
HALL and LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS.
SUPERIOR BOOKCASES.
OAK ROLL-TOP DESK.
LOFTY CONSOLE MIRROR and TABLE.

HAND-CARVED JAPANESE FURNITURE,
Writing Table, Cabinet for Display of China and Bric-a-brac, Folding-top Card Table, and several Occasional Chairs.

SUPERB KAPS PIANOFORTE.

WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM GRAND, in excellent order;
also

SEVERAL PIANOFORTES,

UPRIGHT MODELS, HIGH-GRADE INSTRUMENTS, BY THE FIRST MAKERS.

ALCOCK BILLIARD TABLE,
nine 10ft. x 5ft., of superior manufacture, lately renovated, in perfect playing order, and covered in new cloth, together with full complement of appurtenances.

SEVERAL BEDROOM SUITES.
SUPERIOR BEDSTEADS and BEDDING.
SINGER CABINET SEWING MACHINE.
BUSHBY GRAPHOPHONE, SEWING MACHINE, and
GENERAL BEDROOM FURNITURE.

ARCHER DENTAL CHAIR.

SET DAYTON'S CANDY COMPUTING SCALES (new).
NATIONAL CASH REGISTER (new).

PIANOLA PIANO-PLAYER,
IN PERFECT ORDER, TOGETHER WITH 6 ROLLS MUSIC,
etc., etc., etc.

NOW ON VIEW.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
193 AND 199 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 2056.

PADDINGTON-CENTENNIAL PARK.

TO-MORROW,
FRI. 29th, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
MYEE,
80 GORDON-STREET.
*** Leave Bondi or Waverley Tram at Queen-street, Woollahra.

Under instructions from
Miss E. HARDY.

The whole of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
COSTLY APPOINTMENTS,
including
BEST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE, GLASSWARE, AND CHINA.

SPLENDID SCHEWCHTEN PIANO,
*** Full Upright Grand, in Walnut Case, in splendid condition.

The Furnishings of
ENTRANCE HALL, MORNING AND DRAWING ROOMS, BREAKFAST-ROOM, RIGHT BEDROOMS, etc., etc.

ART SIDEBOARD, CEDAR BOOKCASE, OVERMANTELS, LEATHER SUITE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, NEW HOME AND BEALE SEWING MACHINES.
AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.
LINOLEUMS, OILPAINTINGS, and ENGRAVINGS.

SILK TAPESTRY DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, INDIAN CARVED TABLE, SEA GRASS CHAIRS, COSTLY ORNAMENTS, etc., etc.

SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE,
comprising 7ft Wardrobe and Pedestal Toilettes.

ALL-BRASS ITALIAN STATE BEDSTEAD, with best Bedding and Wire.

The Furnishings of
SEVEN MINOR BEDROOMS,
embracing
SUITES, BEACONSFIELD COMBINATIONS, CHESTS DRAWERS, M.T. WARSTANDS, TOILET WARE, AUST. CHAIRS, etc., etc.

GAS STOVE.

Garden Tools, Lawn Mower, Armoured Hose, etc., etc.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES, etc., etc.

*** ON VIEW AT 9 O'CLOCK PRIOR TO SALE.

SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS,
3 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 2157.

DOUBLE BAY.
THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 11 o'clock,
HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION, at
BRAKEFIELD,
EULOOA-ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL
(3 minutes' walk from Cross-street),
of the whole of the
MODERN FURNITURE and EFFECTS
of
C. D. WHITTY, Esq.,
consisting of
SOLID OAK DINING SUITE (8 pieces).
SOLID OAK SIDEBOARD,
DINNER WAGGON AND OVERMANTELS.
BEST QUALITY AXMINSTER CARPETS.
BIJOU EASY CHAIR IN SAXONY FABRIC.
BROADWOOD PIANOFORTE.

A Very Fine Instrument, in Walnut Case, Semi-Grand, in perfect order.

HANDSOME ROSEWOOD BEDROOM SUITE.
BLACK and BRASS BEDSTEADS and BEDDING.
CHOICE ORNAMENTAL OIL and WATER COLOURS.
Linoleums, Floor Cloths, Curtains.
Window Furnishings.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
POT PLANTS.
And Numerous Lot of Sundries.

DEAN AND CO.
(D. H. VALANTINE, Auctioneer),
will sell as above.
Telephone, 2073.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF PETER ROACH, trading as
HOSEGOOD BROTHERS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises,
87 YORK-STREET, CITY.

By order of the Official Assignee, W. HARRINGTON PALMER, ESQ.

THE VALUABLE FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, ROLL-TOP DESK, IRON SAFES, COPYING PRESS, OLIVER TYPEWRITER, POSTING DESK, TABLES, TRAVELLERS' HAMPERS, BUNDRIES, ETC.

BARNARD AND CO.
Will sell by Auction as above,
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auc. Offices and Mart: 140 Cr'eagh-st. Tel., 3778.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF ERNEST ETHERIDGE.
THURSDAY NEXT, MARCH 5th, AT 11 A.M.
On the premises,
CROMWELL-STREET, LEICHHARDT.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

BARNARD and CO., instructed by W. H. PALMER, Esq., Official Assignee, will sell by auction.
Auc. Offices: 140 Castlereagh-street, city.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 81 George-street West.—Stock of a suburban Storekeeper, Crockery, Enamelware, Drapery, Hosiery, Millinery, Fancy Goods, Bicycle, Counter, Clothing, Boots, Sundries, etc. No reserve.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 81 George-street West.—The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. JACOB AARON, of 127 Devonshire-street, on WEDNESDAY, March 4th, at 2 o'clock:—
1907, January-15th, watch and chain; 22nd, gold chain; 26th, g bangle, g watch and chain; 9th, g ring; 30th, accordeon. May—1st, g ring; 10th, d b gun. June—1st, leather bag, g bracelet; 7th, pr g links; 11th, g chain; 15th, g brooch; 20th, suit; 24th, g pendant and chain. July—1st, gold watch; 9th, watch and chain; 13th, gold ring, watch and chain. August—12th, g pendant and brooch, g bangle; 17th, leather bag; 24th, dress; 26th, 2 g rings. September—21st, suit; 28th, suit. October—23rd, coat and vest. November—6th, coat; 22nd, dress; 26th, remnant; 30th, dress; 30th, jacket.
Also, large number of pledges on which 8s and under has been lent.

THIS DAY, AT 11,
at 47 BURLINSON-STREET, ULTIMO.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
Sideboard, Tables, Asst. Chairs, Couch, and Effects.
Bedsteads, Brass-mounted, Double and 3; W'stands. Oilcloth, Glassware, Cutlery, Crockery.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON.

THIS DAY, AT 2 P.M.,
at 84 HENRY-STREET, WAVERLEY, off Victoria-street, overlooking Park, near Charing Cross.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
PIANOFORTE, Upright, Choice Sweet-toned Instrument
SINGER SEWING MACHINE, quite new, perfect order.
Sideboard, bev. plate front; Dining Table and Cover.
B.M. Bedsteads, C. Drawers, Duchesse Toilets, Wars. Combinations, Couches, Asst. and Cane Chairs.
Glassware, Cutlery, Crockery, Enamelware.
*** A NICE LOT OF GOOD FURNISHINGS.

MITCHELL — AND — CRANSTON.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, at 11 o'clock.
To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Dealers, and Others.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
253 LIVERPOOL-STREET, HYDE PARK,
of
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, AND EFFECTS, through retirement from business and removal from Sydney.
Fine Drawing-room Suite of 7 pieces, in Silk Tapestry
Two Beautiful Walnut Corner Cabinets.
Elegant Art Overmantels, Pictures, Carpets, Curtains
Walnut Piano, iron frame, in fine order
English Oak Coal Cabinet, Fire Screens
English Oak Hall Stand
Massive Mahogany Frame Dining Suite, upholstered in real Leather, a Grand Suite
7ft x 4ft 6in Extension Table, patent screw and 2 spare leaves
English Walnut Sideboard, size 4ft 6in
Fine Solid Walnut Overmantel, in good order
Gas Stove, Gas Triplicate Gas Ring
Bedroom Suite of 5 pieces
4ft 6in H. T. Bedstead, Wire and Kapoc Mattress
Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, and Mos. Nets
General Bedroom Furniture and Effects
Kitchen Utensils, etc.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD., have received instructions from R. GRANGER, Esq., to sell the above. NO RESERVE.

TO GLADSTONE BAG AND PORTMANTEAU MAKERS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, at 12.30 o'clock, at 253 LIVERPOOL-STREET, HYDE PARK.

Travelling Trunks, Portmanteaux, Gladstone Bags Bag Frames, Buckles, and Bag Fittings Benches, Tools of Trade, etc., etc.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD., have received instructions from R. GRANGER, Esq., of GRANGER and COMPANY, in consequence of his retirement from business, to sell his Business and Stock, WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING AND OTHERS.

TO-MORROW, FEBRUARY 28, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
NO. 7 SHORT-STREET, near Town Hall, LEICHHARDT.

THE FURNITURE, PIANO, AND EFFECTS in the 6-room House, the Residence of Madame Hannequin.

DRAWING, DINING, AND BEDROOM FURNITURE, WITHOUT RESERVE.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell, as above.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, at the
CITY MART, 6 SPRING-STREET, At 12 noon sharp.

Under instructions from the Importers, Messrs. THOMPSON, FRASER, RAMSAY Prop., Ltd.

600 PACKAGES CEYLON TEAS,
Ex Grosser Kurfurst.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.
THE HAYMARKET AUCTION ROOMS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11.
BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
6 Van Loads of General HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, moved from 94 Darlinghurst-road, on account of the business being sold, Bourke-street, and Mosman.
Pianos, Drawing, Dining, Hall, and Bedrooms, Kitchen and Laundries.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB,
under instructions from the owners.
GOODS ACCEPTED UP TO HOUR OF SALE.
NORTH SYDNEY.

ON THE PREMISES, WEISBADEN, 176 WALKER-STREET, NEAR BERRY-STREET.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
Under instructions from Mr. H. W. WILSON.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

Piano in Handsome Ebonised Case, in perfect condition (Elsphere).
Bedroom Suite, handsome design, comprising Wardrobe, double glass door, fitted with drawers and hanging compartments, unique pair Toilets, with Cheval Glass, etc.
Billiard and Dining Table.
Superior Hall Stand.
Two Handsome Bookcases.
Client.'s Cedar Clothes Press, fitted with slides.
High-back and Austrian Chairs.
Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Washstands and Ware.
Carpet Squares, Axminster Runners and Stair Carpets.
Easy Chairs and Couch in Saddlebag, Rattan and Occ. Chairs and Tables.
Wooden Room for removal, Carpenter's Bench, Garden Tools, Hose, and a lot of sundries.
Also, Superior E.P. Ware and Valuable Indian Ware.

ON VIEW THIS MORNING.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Auctioneers, Walker and Blue streets, NORTH SYDNEY.

CHOICE OIL PAINTINGS AND ENGRAVINGS, ETC.

POSITIVELY Unreserved Sale by Auction.
At our Auction Rooms,
BONDI JUNCTION,
THIS MORNING, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
Under Instructions from
Messrs. W. TAYLOR and SON, ARTISTS.
In consequence of their departure for N.Z.
The Residue of their well-assorted Stock of ORIGINAL OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, and Pictures, etc., etc. (about 100 in all), as set forth in Catalogues obtainable on application to the Auctioneers.
ON VIEW THIS MORNING prior to Sale.

ALLDIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, BONDI JUNCTION, will sell by auction, without reserve, as above.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock, AT KELSON'S CITY SALEROOMS, MUTUAL LIFE-BUILDINGS, GEORGE and WATTLE-STREETS.
SUPERIOR HOUSE FURNISHINGS.
5 Upright Grand Walnut Cased PIANOS
Massive Oak Dining-room SUITES.
Rosewood Mirrored Cabinet, Walnut Davenport
Fine Double-doored Bedroom SUITE (E.W. Smith)
3 Handsome Single BEDROOM SUITES
8-pier Billiard Table, Cues, Balls, Marker
Solid Walnut-framed OVERMANTELS
AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARES
New and Second-hand LINO. and OILCLOTHS.
Bevelled Mirrored Sideboards, Bamboo Chairs
Picture Panels, Oil Paintings, and Ornaments
Extension and other Din. TABLES, Lace Curtains
Mohair BUTTS, SUITES, and LOUNGES
Pearl and Brass-mounted BEDSTEADS, complete
Single and Three-quarter BEDSTEADS, complete
M.W. WARSTANDS, COMB CHESTS, Sets WARDROBE and TABLE LINEN, CRUETS, CUTLERY, DINNER SERVICE
High-back Chairs, Dexter Rockers, Wire Chairs
Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Utensils
Brass Stair Rods, Lady's Bicycle
Law and Educational Books, and Sundries.
OAK ROLL-TOP DESK, TYPEWRITER TABLE.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER,
will sell, at his City Salerooms, as above.
Telephone, 4142.

TO DRAPERS, CLOTHIERS, MERCERS, MILLINERS, IRONMONGERS, SHOP FITTERS, ETC.
IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON THE PREMISES, 130 OXFORD-STREET,
(OPPOSITE VICTORIA BARRACKS),
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
THE WHOLE OF THE GENERAL STOCK, comprising—
Drapery, Linens, Flannels, Millinery, Ironmongery, etc., Men's and Boys' Clothing, Shirts, Hats, Underwear, Collars, Ties, Ribbons, Laces, Buttons, Braids, Cottons, Ladies' Cheviots, Mantle Makers, Camisoles, Combinations, Undervests, Bibs, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Flowers, Feathers, Aigrettes, Mounts, Capreys, Cashmeres, Voiles, Prints, Flannels, Fl

TENDERS.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality GOODS at lowest cost, buy from JAMES SANDY and COY., 235-239 George-street.

ASPHALTERS' Tenders. Apply on job, new Cottages, Pearl-st, off Alice-st, Newtown.

AT Joe Gardiner's Great Red Pencil Sale the reductions in Boots and Shoes are substantial and real.

BRICKS for SALE, cheap and good. T. Daley, Standard Brickworks, Sydenham-rd, Marrickville.

BRICKS, Bricks.—40,000 full-sized Sandstock, 12s 1000, cleaned. Essex and Queen sts, Circular Q.

BUILDERS invited TENDER Brick Cottage, at Penrith. Plans, spec., at No. 1 Randle-st, city.

COIL WIRE-WORK, go to Kastway's Great Store, George-st, below G.P.O.

FOR SALE, best Buffalo and Couch Turf delivered anywhere. T. Harris, Lilydale-st, Marrickville.

IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WATSON, CARRIER, NEWCASTLE, Deceased.

We have been instructed by the Executors of the above Estate to offer for Sale by Tender the GOODWILL, HORSES, VEHICLES, OFFICE FURNITURE, PLANT, and STOCK of this well-known business.

LEASE.—The premises, including Stables, Store, Office, and Dwelling, are specially adapted to the requirements of the business. A Lease can be obtained at a moderat rental.

TENDERS CLOSE 2nd MARCH, 1908.

Ten per cent. deposit to accompany all Tenders. The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Schedule of Assets, Orders to inspect, and Tender Forms can be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

THOMAS DAVIS, DRUMMOND, and CO., Incorporated Accountants, 2 Martin-place, Sydney.

MINTARO SLATES, unequalled for durability, for Roofing, Roofing Linings, Tanks, Urinals; Marble for Counters, Lavatories, Steps, Mantels, Wall Lining, Tiles, Ver., Hearths. Creak and Ford, 195 Geo.-st W.

PAINTERS' REQUISITES of all descriptions; Paint Brushes, equal to best imported; White Lead, Oil Stains, Glass, Wall Papers, Kalsomine, Distemper, etc. H. H. GROTH and CO., 529 Geo.-st, nr. Bathurst-st.

PAINTING and Repairs.—Prices wanted, Cottage, Longnose Point. W. D. Loveridge, Longnose Pt.

PAINTING.—Tenders, Painting of Houses; Specification, 5 Palmer-st, Woolloomooloo, nr. Dom. gates.

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PHILLIPSON, Grainer and Marbler, after 2 months in hospital, has resumed Work at 62 Bowling-st, Pad.

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Sydney, 27th February, 1908.

TENDERS are required up to the 7th MARCH next for the Supply of Mining TIMBER and LOGS for Sawbench for the Silver Peak Mines at Yerranderie.

For particulars apply to the SECRETARY, Equitable Buildings, George-street, Sydney; or to the GENERAL MANAGER of Mines, Yerranderie.

A. E. BURB, Secretary.

Sydney, 24th February, 1908.

TENDERS are invited till noon WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, for the ERECTION of COTTAGE, Mowbray-road, CHATSWOOD.

PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS may be seen at my office, Cohen's-chambers, 18 Spring-street. THOS. J. DARLING, Architect. Tel., 4084.

TENDERS for Alterations and Additions and Erecting of ICEHOUSE at shop, 106 Queen-street, Woollahra. Specifications to be seen at our office.

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TENDERS wanted for Tuckpointing, Job, Willoughby-st, North Sydney.

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LAW REPORT.

IN BANCO.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

APPEAL FAILS.

BILLIARD-ROOMS AND ELECTIONS.

Re William Condon and J. T. Lawler and another, respondents).

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. L. J. Hardiman, of Kempsey (by his agent, Mr. J. W. Maund), appeared for the appellant, William Condon, of Port Macquarie; and Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), for John Thomas Lawler, Sergeant of Police, and licensing inspector for the district of Port Macquarie.

This was a motion on behalf of William Condon, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Port Macquarie, to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Lawler and Edmond A. T. Fery, of Kempsey, P.M., from further proceeding upon an order made by the magistrate named. It appeared that Condon was proceeded against by Sergeant Lawler, under section 19 of the Liquor Amendment Act, 1905, for having, on Tuesday, the 10th September, 1907, being the day on which the election of members of the Assembly was held, kept his licensed premises open, and that one Frederick Hyde was found on the premises at a time when the hotel should not have been open for the sale of liquor, viz., 4 o'clock p.m. Hyde not being upon the premises for a lawful purpose. It appeared that on the date and at the time mentioned Hyde was playing billiards in the appellant's billiard-room, and Condon was prosecuted before the local court of petty sessions. Being convicted, he was fined 1s. with 7s costs, in default of payment seven days' imprisonment. He now appealed, on the ground that he was entitled to keep his billiard-room open at the time alleged without contravening the Liquor Amendment Act, 1905.

The Court, after hearing argument, discharged the rule.

CASE STRUCK OUT.

Ex parte G. G. Lucas, re Trefle.

There being no appearance in this case, it was struck out.

CASE UNDER THE BETTING ACT.

USING A QUARRY.

WAS IT A "PLACE?"

Re George Shute (E. Lord and others, respondents).

Mr Holman and Mr. J. C. Brown, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for George Shute, of Blayney, saddler; and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Edwin Lord, of Blayney, sergeant of police, Edward Marriott, P.M., of Orange, and George Death and William James Barratt, JsP., from further proceeding with the order of the magistrates named. Mr. Pickburn, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for respondent Lord. In support of the order appealed against, it appeared that Shute was charged under the provisions of the Games, Wagers, and Betting Houses Act, of 1902, with being found without lawful excuse in an old quarry, near Blayney, used as a common gaming-house, or a place for gaming within the meaning of the Act, at a time when the place was entered by the police, by virtue of a warrant under section 4 of the Act. The defendant was convicted and fined £2, in default of payment 14 days' imprisonment in Blayney Gaol, with hard labour. The Bench also directed the forfeiture of £12 9s in possession of the defendant at the time he was found, as alleged, in the information. He now appealed on the grounds:—(1) That there was no evidence to support the conviction; (2) that there was no evidence that the old quarry mentioned in the information was used as a common gaming-house, or place for gaming within the meaning of the Act; (3) that the warrant produced in evidence, in virtue of which the constable was alleged to have entered, was invalid; (4) that the information contained no offence, and disclosed a civil cause of action; and also in the case of Sherwood v. Prior, and contended that the "place" mentioned in the 17th section of the Act must be a place capable of being used as a gaming-house, such as a house, room, or office. He also argued that there was no evidence to prove that gaming was being carried on at the quarry in question. The instrument used in the alleged gaming must be shown to be used for an unlawful game, but on the authority of ex parte Mitchel, 2 State Reports, page 120, the kip used in "two-up" was not such instrument as used.

Mr. Justice Cohen, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said it was proved in evidence that the locality where the defendant was found was a quarry situated in a large paddock of some thousand acres, and when the police entered they saw defendant and other men in a chipped ring at the bottom of the quarry. They also found a "kip" which they said was used for playing "two-up" and two pennies. The question was whether there was any evidence to support the conviction, and it would turn upon the question whether this particular spot was a house, room, premises, or place within the meaning of section 6, subsection 2 of the Act. The Court was of opinion that it was not, and that there was no evidence that defendant was in actual occupation, and as some Judges said, in exclusive occupation of this part of the quarry, or that he was occupying it with the consent of the owner. The Court also held on the decision in ex parte Mitchel that two-up was not an unlawful game.

Rule absolute for a prohibition, but without costs; money found on appellant to be returned to him.

RINGBARKING IMPROVEMENT LEASE. FINE OF £600.

Re W. O. Phillips (Wilfred Goodwin and another respondents).

Mr. Canaway and Mr. Holman, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for William Obadiah Phillips, of Fish Ponds, Wardalla, in support of a motion for a prohibition to restrain John Jamieson, of Bingara, P.M., and Wilfred Goodwin, of Yetman, police officer, from further proceeding upon the conviction of the appellant in the Court of Petty Sessions, Yetman, on October 21 last. Mr. Crawford, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for respondent Goodwin in opposition to the motion. It appeared that Phillips was proceeded against by Goodwin under section 93 of the Land Act, 1884, for that between the months of April and September last he, being the holder of an improvement lease at Warialda, did, without obtaining permission so to do from the local land board, unlawfully cause to be ringbarked on his lease 6000 trees. He was convicted, and fined £600, or 2s per tree, and £35 costs, in default of payment 12 months' light imprisonment in Tamworth Gaol. He now appealed on the grounds (1) that the information discloses no offence, inasmuch as on the true construction of section 26 of the Crown Lands Act, 1895, there is no intention shown by the legislature to make the penal provisions of section 93 of the Crown Lands Act, 1884, extend to improvement leases, created by section 26 of the Act, 1895; (2) that the information discloses no offence, as it shows defendant to be an improvement lessee under section 26 of the Act of 1895, but does not negative the possibility of the acts therein alleged to have been committed by the defendant being justified by the conditions of his improvement lease.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

MOTION FOR INJUNCTION.

Kerr v. Wheatley.

Mr. D. R. Hall, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the plaintiff, Peter Alexander Kerr; Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. W. T. A. Shorter (as agent for Mr. G. C. Driffield, of Condobolin), appeared for the defendants, Herbert Wheatley and Percival Smith Wheatley.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

IN THE SOUTH COAST.

THE MARCH OF THE RABBIT.

The ablest pioneers in their laborious search for good lands never equalled the pertinacity and progress of the rabbit, for the onward march of this pest is appalling in its ruthless determination. There are few parts of the State where the land is any good that rabbits have not got a footing, for some instinct seems to advise them where there is good feed and good country. And they are not satisfied unless they can get the best. One important portion of the country where the pest has not got a proper, or improper, hold is the South Coast. But they are approaching, and it will be necessary to make provision to check their onward march. There is always a big prospect of successfully coping with rabbits if a start is made in time, but like most pests, they are immeasurably harder and more expensive to eradicate if protective steps are left too long. Down about the Bega district the rabbit has appeared, and it is a common thing to hear farmers say with reference to the pest that there are a few about, but they are not doing much harm. This is just the time when decisive measures should be taken, and taken promptly. It is now recognised through bitter experience that the reproductive power of rabbits is unequalled. Their fertility and habit of multiplying in an incredibly short time is the chief danger of their existence. Therefore, the one or two on a farm, or in a neighbourhood, turns to hundreds and thousands until they become countless almost before the landholders understand an enemy is within their gate, and then it is too late.

On the road back from the coast towards Cooma the presence of rabbits in large quantities is noticed soon after entering southern Monaro. They are there in force, and it is only a matter of time when the knowledge of the luscious grass on the other side of the range becomes theirs, and progress over the mountain takes place. The advanced guard of this pestilent army in fact may be considered to have "crossed the Alps" already, and the remainder will quickly swarm down on to the fertile pastures waiting for them. It might be that in some parts of the coast the comparatively dense settlement will neutralise, if not check, their onslaught, for there is no doubt that the rabbit has no chance against closer settlement. But in the back hills there is room for them to multiply and flourish at the cost of the dairy herd and the farmer. The only remedy is wire-netting, and it is a pity that some co-operative scheme cannot be promoted to erect a well-netted fence along the back hills, where settlement may be considered to begin. If the cost of such a barrier could be distributed over the districts affected the individual cost would be trifling. Failing such an elaborate scheme, which would necessitate considerable loss of valuable time in its promotion and consideration, the most economical method would be for several neighbouring farmers to bunch or group together in erecting one wire-netting boundary around the whole of their properties conjointly. By this means an arena of 1000 acres or more could be enclosed at much less expense than if each individual went on his own, and such areas could be effectively worked. With the bad season they have experienced the far South Coast men may naturally demur at the expense of wire-netting. But it is an expense that soon repays itself where rabbits have appeared, and they have unfortunately appeared on the outskirts of Bega and other districts, as indeed they invariably do appear where there is rich and succulent food, for rabbits are born epicures. Poisoning, which is being adopted on some properties in these localities, will have little permanent effect without the aid of wire-netting, and even then it is not a method suitable to small areas. Digging out and fumigating in wire-netted boundaries are the only sure means of keeping the pest within reasonable limits and practically eradicating it. That this can be done on small areas has been abundantly proved on scores of holdings in Riverina, where the presence of a rabbit is an uncommon event, and one that promptly leads to his destruction.

ITEMS.

The Milthorpe farmers have a good crop of potatoes this year, for which they are receiving £4 5s 6d a ton. There is a good deal of oats grown for hay, and also wheat, in the district, but this year the grasshopper played havoc with the crops, and reduced the yield considerably.

The following course has been found successful in destroying caterpillars:—Dissolve 1oz. of arsenic by boiling in half a gallon of water, with 1oz of washing soda, and half a cup of treacle or a cup of molasses. Then stir in enough bran to absorb the liquid. It should be in such a condition that the particles of bran will separate easily when distributed. Scattered in strips of half a chain intervals through crops it is guaranteed to effect wholesale slaughter.

New buildings are being erected at the Bathurst Farm, comprising an administrative block, with lecture-rooms, manager's office, and officers' quarters; a wing for the students, and a spacious dining hall, kitchen, and laundry. The manager's cottage has also been erected adjacent to the buildings. The buildings are fitted up with every modern convenience, including gas, which has been obtained from the town supply. In the students' quarters a room for each student is available, making sufficient accommodation for 32. The cost of the buildings amount to about £10,000, and it is expected they will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of March. In the past students have been quartered with the manager and official staff at Logan Brae, a large mansion some distance from the farm. The buildings are a model group, and it is intended that all future buildings erected at the various farms will be on a similar plan.

It is expected that 24 "apple boats" will call at Hobart during the present fruit export season. The first of these was the Orontes, which has already been there and left, and one of the early boats to call will be the Asturias, the new boat which is now on her first voyage to Australia for the Orient Company. As showing the size of the boats which will call there it is mentioned by one of the Tasmanian papers that the average tonnage of the fleet will be about 7700 tons.

The auction sale of the 69 Wyoming Farms at Junee will be held to-morrow. This subdivision is at the junction of the main southern and south-western lines, has three railway stations practically on it, and is within easy distance of Wagga, Cootamundra, and Gundagai. Terms have been made very easy.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS.

BATHURST MODEL FARM.

At the Bathurst Experimental Farm the manager, Mr. R. W. Peacock, conducts yearly a number of interesting experiments as to the value of different wheats suitable for the wheat lands of the west. The area cultivated last season was about 97 acres, and the product averaged 17 bushels 12lb per acre. In this district the rainfall was very sparse during the growing period, and only totalled 15 inches for the year, or 5 inches below the average. Surprisingly good results were, however, obtained. From the results of the season, Mr. Peacock states that the Federation variety proved itself the best yielder, with an average of 26 bushels 42lb to the acre, while Rymer was a good second with 38lb less. Hobs, a wheat which has risen steadily in favour with wheat-growers, had its reputation tarnished somewhat owing to different methods of culture, not so satisfactory, being employed for experimental purposes. However, the return was 17 bushels to the acre, while Comeback, a wheat finding favour with a number of growers, yielded 13 bushels 6lb. These results have been largely obtained by a system of crop rotation, and by bare fallowing in some instances. But only a small portion of the farm is devoted to bare fallows. The growing of rape, preliminary to the grain [illegible] problem of keeping sheep, and it provides them with an excellent feed in the winter, one acre being devoted to 10 sheep. In the summer lucerne provides the feed. At present rape is being largely sown, some 20 acres being already under crop this year. The past six years' operations show that whenever wheat has been grown after rape the result has been surprisingly good. As an example, in 1904, a certain area was sown with rape; in 1905 the same area was treated with superphosphate at the rate of 1cwt. to the acre, and a wheat crop sown; this was followed in 1906 by maize, and in 1907 another application of superphosphate was given, and wheat again sown. This year it is proposed to put the ground under crop without any fertiliser.

In the rotation scarlet clover and black tares have been used largely, but their main defect is that they mature too late in the spring. Maize has proved very successful, and in the season just ended wheat growing on land after maize yielded 22 bushels 32lb per acre. The corn occupied the land until seed time; then an application of 1cwt superphosphate to the acre was made, to give the wheat a start. For an experiment another crop was sown on unmanured land on which maize had been grown. The result was a complete vindication, as the land treated with phosphate gave a yield of 39 bushels 6lb, against 26 bushels 52lb of unmanured. Some interesting experiments have been conducted with oats, barley, and ryes, but the season has not been conducive to good results. This has been particularly the case with barleys. The well-known Cape variety, which in 1906 returned 65 bushels to the acre, gave only 27 bushels this year. The land in which it was sown was bare-fallowed. Four acres of the same variety was sown for winter fodder, and after having been cut for hay averaged 22 bushels. Several varieties were sown in a paddock, the previous crop having been maize. Following were the results per acre:—Cape, 18 bushels 15lb; Skinless, 12 bushels 15lb. The yields for the malting varieties were:—Standwell, 7 bushels 32lb; Malster, 11 bushels 48lb; and Brewer's Favourite, 12 bushels 5lb. The low yields, it is considered, were due to the maize crop exhausting the fertility, and reducing the supply of moisture.

Mr. Peacock considers that the experience at the farm is that Cape barley is superior to Skinless for sowing as winter fodder, as severe winter frosts damaged the Skinless. Moreover, the second growth of Cape barley is much heavier. In the oats section the highest yield was given by Abundance, with 32 bushels 15lb per acre. Algerian was second with 31 bushels 25lb, and Red Rust-proof was third with 29 bushels 6lb. These were all sown after maize, and are comparable, with the exception that the season favoured the later varieties, such as Abundance. Other yields were—Early Angus, 22 bushels 30lb; Potato, 21 bushels 17lb; and Carter's Cluster, 14 bushels 29lb. These were grown in a separate paddock. The varieties which have always stood out prominently on the farm are Abundance, Algerian, and Red Rust. Algerian is considered the most suitable variety for the drier districts, and of the intermediate varieties, Abundance, Potato, and Carter's Royal Cluster are the best. With rye, the results show that Black Winter produced 16 bushels 58lb per acre, while Emerald gave 11 bushels 13lb. Black Winter is considered to be the more suitable for early winter fodder.

IMPORTED RED SHORTHORNS.

Mr. A. E. Bigg, of Thalgarrah, Armidale, who has been in England for the past year, has purchased some Red Shorthorns, which arrived here last week by the Kent. The importations are one bull and five cows, whose registered pedigrees under the Lincolnshire Red Shorthorn Association are as follow:—Kirkby Marvel, the bull, was calved January, 1907, sire Calaby Marvel, dam Leadenham II.; bred by John Todd, Kirkby, Lincoln. The heifers are: Burton Marjorie III., calved August 12, 1904, sire Burton Rex, dam Marjorie; Burton Ruddy VI., calved October 8, 1904, sire Baldwin Baring, dam Burton Ruddy V.; Burton Fox IV., calved October 29, 1904, sire Burton Rex, dam Burton Fox II.; These heifers were bred by John Evens, Burton, Lincolnshire. Digby Belle, calved 1906, sire Horkstow Herald, dam Glentworth Belle 2. Queenie, calved 1906, sire Glentworth Brandon Chancellor, dam Glentworth Queenie II.; bred by P. Brown, Digby Manor, Lincoln. The cattle look very well, and as Mr. Bigg will reclaim next month it is practically certain that they will be exhibited at the Royal Show. If so, they will be examined with interest, as we understand there is only one other owner with the same breed in the State. The imported stock came through care of the Pastoral Finance Association.

THE MILK CRISIS.

CAMDEN SUPPLIERS COMBINE.

CAMDEN.—The Camden branch of the South Coast and West Camden Milk Suppliers' Association met on Tuesday to discuss the crisis in the milk trade. All the dairymen protested against the reduction by the Sydney companies in the price of milk, and advocated united action. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the Camden milk suppliers strongly support their brother dairymen in the South Coast in their endeavour to receive fair payment for their milk." Another meeting is called for Saturday night.

SOUTH COAST v HUNTER RIVER.

"Hunter River" writes:—I notice in the "Herald" that the milk suppliers of the South Coast have unanimously decided not to send any more milk to the Sydney distributing companies for a less price than 3d per gallon, and that a co-operative company will most likely be formed. Seeing the dreadful drought through which the South Coast has just passed, and the enormous cost at which milk was produced, an increase in the ordinary retailing price seems an absolute necessity. The Sydney companies tardily acceded to the request for an increase, and at the same time made arrangements for getting milk from the Hunter River district. Now that the high price lately ruling induced a number of producers to send their milk to Sydney in preference to separating, the price to the South Coast people has dropped to 6d, and to 6½d on the north, which latter price, after allowing for the difference between what is sent, and what is paid for, generally works out at 6¼d per gallon, which is a cost absurd price to pay for milk at the present time.

The suppliers down south would do well to take into consideration the fact that a fairly large amount of milk will go from this district, and while that continues the Sydney companies can make their own terms, which, from past experience, are not all in the producers' interest by any means. The difference between the price paid to the producer and that paid by the consumer is large enough to warrant the formation of a co-operative concern, both in the interests of producer and consumer alike. The sooner it is brought about the better. I feel sure that support for this movement would be forthcoming from this district if solicited.

Mr. Devery, of Kiama, desires, in justice to the F.F. and I. Company, to say that up to Wednesday, 19th inst., the firm had not imposed any "block" days on the Foxground suppliers. The statement attributed to him, he says, was made by an interjector.

EXPORTED BUTTER.

SPLENDID REPORT FROM LONDON.

The Department of Agriculture has received grade notes on the butter shipped by the Himalaya of a very satisfactory nature. Mr. James Gillanders, an expert of the Agent-General's Office, in the course of his report, advises that this shipment is the most satisfactory of all the shipments he has inspected of New South Wales butter. The butters arrived in perfection so far as carrying and condition were concerned, and there was evidence of the greatest possible care on the part of the factories in the making, packing, and handling of their butters, and naturally most excellent results followed these efforts. The low grading butters were quite in the minority, and all the boards grading high, and a number of them secured superfine points, two of the brands being specially good. One of these graded 97 points, and the other 96, the butter comparing most favourably with the best that is coming forward from any of the other colonies. The shipment is another proof of the possibilities of New South Wales butter, if proper care and determined efforts are exercised all through from the factory to the wharf in London. The shipment will make a most excellent impression amongst importers and buyers generally of New South Wales butters, and is undoubtedly the standard worth aiming at in every respect. Whilst a few of the brands are capable of some improvement still, the shipment as a whole is something to be proud of. The factories are deserving of the highest congratulations of the trade here, whose criticisms in the past have certainly not been very flattering. No preservative flavour in any pronounced form could be detected in the shipment, which was in any way detrimental to the natural flavour of the butter. This in itself is a great point, because for some time back undoubtedly too much preservative has been used by some of the factories.

BEN LOMOND SUBDIVISION.

GUYRA.—The sale of Ben Lomond Subdivision on Wednesday was largely attended. Four thousand acres were sold, at an average of £4 16s 3d per acre. Mr. W. T. Armstrong, of Inverell, was the auctioneer, and Messrs. Stirton Bros. and Beauchamp the vendors. The purchasers were: A. D. Turnbull, Guy Fawkes, 2020 acres; J. Landers, Macleay River, 1035 acres; J. P. Smith, Williamtown, Newcastle, 491 acres; J. Little, Ben Lomond, 225 acres; J. M'Leod, Ben Lomond, 188 acres. At Bidding at the start was somewhat slow. After disposing of six blocks under the hammer, the rest were disposed of privately.

PADDY MELONS KILL HORSES.

A FARMER'S REMEDY.

WELLINGTON.—A considerable number of horses in this district have died from eating wild water melons (paddy melons). When the horses were opened, it was found that the fibre from the vines had become matted and rolled up into balls. A local farmer has been using a remedy which has proved successful in every case. He gives a mixture of one pint of linseed oil (or six packets of Epsom salts), a dessert spoonful of cayenne pepper, and a pint of milk, in the usual way, after which he gives an injection of six quarts of soapy water, a dessert spoonful of cayenne pepper, and a sixpenny bottle of glycerine. This is repeated every hour until the trouble disappears, and from the start of the sickness the horse is given plenty of milk, which is forced down his throat if he refuses to drink it.

LANDS SELECTED.

The following statement shows the lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts during the week ended February 19, and during the seven weeks from January 1 to February 19, 1908:—

Class of Holding.	During week ended Feb. 19, 1908.		During the 7 weeks from Jan. 1, 1908.	
	No. of applicants.	Area. Acres.	No. of applicants.	Area. Acres.
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Original Conditional Purchase	36	5,726	219	31,518
Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these C.P.Ss.	(21)	10,870	(121)	61,394
Conditional Purchase Leases	7	2,377	37	18,574
Original Homestead Selections	2	56	17	4,397
Original Settlement Leases	—	—	6	27,307
Settlement Purchases				
Total of new settlers	47	19,029	279	153,100
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional Condit. Purchases (of Crown lands)	54	4,366	139	19,228
Conditional Leases not taken simultaneously with O.C.Pa.	28	7,962	167	49,321
Additional Homestead Selects.	2	268	11	5,404
Additional Settlement Leases	1	880	8	7,922
Total	80	13,476	315	80,975

PASTURES PROTECTION BOARDS.

CARCOAR.—The annual return of stock for the pastures protection district of Carcoar gives the numbers as 7365 horses, 19,872 cattle, and 842,710 sheep. These figures are slightly in excess of last year's returns as regards horses and cattle, and just about equal with respect to sheep. Only for the fact that a large area has been taken from this district and added to surrounding districts, the numbers would have been considerably in excess of last year.

YASS.—The directors of the Yass Pastures Protection Board were engaged all day on Tuesday hearing 25 landholders showing cause why they should not be prosecuted for failing to destroy rabbits. The directors were satisfied with 20 explanations, and decided upon five prosecutions.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

ALBION PARK.—At the annual meeting of the Albion Park A. H. and I. Society, the balance-sheet presented showed that despite the severe drought, there was a small profit on the society's transactions for the year. The following were elected as new committee:—Messrs. Hector R. Fraser, J. W. Musgrave, F. Dowdell, J. Dawes, A. Fraser, W. C. Dunster, L. R. Mood, J. Evans, J. Timbs, J. Brownlee, D. Manson, J. Missingham, J. A. Brown, A. Wilson, R. C. Johnstone, R. H. Bell, J. R. Walker, C. Fuller, M. O'Gorman. Motion of cancellation is expressed at 12 on the day the election of the committee is carried out. Some persons interested in the elections, it is alleged, have a practice of collecting ballot papers, and have commanded as many as 60 votes. The matter is likely to be brought under the notice of the Minister.

RABBITS ON CROWN LANDS.

COOMA.—Mr. Miller, M.L.A., has been advised as follows by the Acting Under-Secretary for Lands that it is impracticable at present for the Crown to undertake the destruction of rabbits on all unoccupied Crown lands. The Under-Secretary points out that under section 12 of the Pastures Protection Act Amendment, 1906, the Crown agreed to forego certain payments by the Pastures Protection Boards on condition that the equivalent of such payments should be expended in the destruction of rabbits on public lands. The Department asks that specific areas be indicated which would probably be taken up if offered for lease for 28 years at low rentals and easy conditions. The question of State contribution to stock inspecors' salaries has been referred to the Department of Agriculture.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

COWRA.—Messrs. Sharpe, Hoare, and Whitmee, members of the Closer Settlement Advisory Board, have been inspecting estates near the town—Mulyan, North Logan, Jerula, and Cudgelo—as to their suitability for resumption for closer settlement. Recommendations will go direct to the Minister.

THE NEW SACK.

Mr. Ernest S. Twigg, Cowra, writes pointing out that the farmers have overcome the bag difficulty with bag-lifters. By four other men he can load with the help of a horse 150 bags of wheat on to two waggons in 50 minutes. The 200lb bag would take much longer to load. When bags are lifted with machinery or horses, increased weight tells to advantage. Any man asking men to carry bags to-day is too slow for New South Wales, and the introduction of bulk handling of wheat cannot be stopped much longer.

VICTORIAN POTATO AND ONION CROPS.

MELBOURNE.—The dry spring and excessive heat in January were unfavourable to the potato and onion crops, and only moderate yields will be harvested.

OPHIR'S BUTTER SHIPMENT.

BRISBANE.—The R.M.S. Ophir takes 3609 boxes of butter for oversea ports.

DAIRYING.

CESSNOCK.—At a meeting of the directors of the Cessnock Co-operative Dairy Company Mr. J. M'Donald was unanimously elected chairman. The local "Dianthus" butter realised top price—50s—on the English market during the week.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

ALSTONVILLE.—The manager of the local butter factory reports the output for the week ending February 22 at 45,304 lbs; for the corresponding week of last year the output was 1cwt more, after which supplies fell away. This year, owing to the good season, supplies are showing a steady increase. Since Friday last 300 points of rain were recorded.

CESSNOCK.—The heavy rain that has fallen during the last few days has played havoc with the grapes in the district. Fortunately the biggest proportion of the crops were picked.

COLLARENEBRI.—The country hereabouts has no looked so well for many years as it does at the present time, grass and water being everywhere in abundance. All the landholders hereabouts have been fighting hard against the rabbits during the dry season with the result that their numbers have been reduced to a minimum. From 10 to 15 poison carts are constantly employed on some of the stations, in addition to trapping, fumigating, and other means of destruction. The manager of the Collygongle station, near here, is putting 50 men on rabbiting. He pays £2 per 100 for the scalps, and 6d per lb for the skins. This, it is thought, will prove a much cheaper way of ridding the run of rabbits than the very expensive rabbit-cart method, as the returns for the skins should nearly cover the whole of the expenses.

COOMA.—Reports from all parts of the district show that the January and February rains were beneficial, and that with a few more showers good grass will be ensured for the winter.

GUNDAGAI.—If the dry weather continues, the Kimo dairy farm will be closed down, and the cows will be shifted to the sister dairy at Abingdon. The commons trustees met last night, in view of the recent land board decision to subdivide the permanent common. They drew up drastic regulations with respect to the agistment of stock and future management.

GUYRA.—The Guyra district contains some extensive and valuable timber reserves, but there is a great dearth of timber for building purposes, and supplies have to be obtained from Sydney, Queensland, and other sources. The causes are bad roads and the want of proper camping grounds for the teamsters. Timber reserves are of no use without proper camping reserves and roads to get the timber to the market. To the north-east of Guyra, at Paddy's Gully, there is a reserve from which timber is being cut for the Guyra and Armidale sawmills, but owing to the absence of a convenient camping ground the teamsters are considerably hampered in their work. Recently they applied to have a portion of the gold field reserve at Oban Creek reserved as a camping ground, but the department considered another reserve on the Ward's Mistake-road sufficient for all requirements. The teamsters assert that the reserve in question is of no use to them, as it leads in an opposite direction to that in which they travel. It has to be borne in mind that it becomes a serious matter for teamsters if there are not sufficient camping grounds for their bullocks, as they dare not unyoke off a reserve under risk of being proceeded against for trespassing.

MITTAGONG.—The cabbage growers are harvesting their crops, and daily consigning them away from Mittagong station. Some of the cabbages weigh 10lb to 12lb each. During the past four weeks, commencing January 25, there have been something like 17 tons, or 38,500 cabbages, consigned to the metropolis. At 6s per dozen on the average—some are bringing as high as 8s—this means £12 10s per ton, or a grand total of £962 10s. The bulk of the consignments come from the Glenquarry district, a few miles out, and represent produce from five or six farms. Somewhat similar quantities are also being consigned citywards from Bowral and Moss Vale.

MULLUMBIMBY.—Very heavy rains have fallen through the week, and in many cases the paspalum seeds in course of harvesting have been spoiled.

NARRABRI.—Resultant on the splendid rains, the entire district looks magnificent. There will be abundance of feed for the winter. For all classes on the land the prospects are bright. Stock is picking up, and the market shows an improved tone in all lines.

NOWRA.—Although the recent Shoalhaven flow was of a good standard of excellence, it was estimated that the loss on the year's accounts would be considerably over £100. The treasurer has reported that the loss will be only about £75.

ORANGE.—Rain avoids Orange in a most exasperating way, only few points falling at rare intervals. Although rain is desirable, the district is looking very well.

SINGLETON.—In five weeks the district has been transformed from drought to a season of luxuriance. Feed for stock is abundant everywhere, and the creeks and dams which were dried up are overflowing. Crops are making great headway. It is years since lucerne made such growth, and when the weather clears mowing machines will be kept going. The change comes too late for the early corn, but the late crops will be the best for many years. The table grape crop was mostly marketed before the wet weather set in, but the wine industry must suffer severely.

2070 CATTLE SOLD.

SCONE.—At the local yards on Tuesday, Simpson and Co. offered and sold 2070 store cattle, making to £7/7/6, averaging £5/3/, a record for the local yards.

FRUIT CONFERENCE.

AN INTERSTATE GATHERING.

MINISTERS' MISSION OF PEACE.

The interstate conference of Ministers of Agriculture, at which a number of matters arising out of the fruit regulations and the fruit pests legislation of the different States will form the subject of discussion, will be opened this afternoon in Sydney. Victoria will be represented by Mr. Swinburne, Minister for Agriculture; Mr. O'Loughlin, the Australian Minister for Agriculture, arrived yesterday to represent his State; and Mr. Heane, Tasmania's Minister for Agriculture, is due to arrive this morning. New South Wales interests will be looked after by Mr. Perry. In addition to the Ministerial representatives, experts from the agricultural departments of each State concerned will be present. Unfortunately the disorganised state of political affairs in Queensland prevented that State being represented.

"We have had some difficulties with respect to the admission of fruit to other States," Mr. O'Loughlin said yesterday, "and although there has been a good deal of correspondence failed to come to any satisfactory arrangement. Mr. Perry, Mr. Swinburne, and I therefore thought it would be better to meet in conference. We are a mission of peace, and I think we will be able to arrange matters in a manner that will be satisfactory to the States, the growers, and the consumers.

"We all have fruit pests, some less badly than others, and we are all naturally anxious to keep out undesirable strangers. For instance, Queensland has the codlin moth only, and we are naturally anxious to keep out the fruit fly and other pests."

Mr. O'Loughlin indicated in reply to a question that the standard fruit case question would be discussed. South Australia was prepared to pass the necessary legislation, and would fall into line with the other States, whatever was agreed upon in this respect.

Mr. Swinburne is equally hopeful that an understanding will be arrived at, and he thinks that a Fruit Pests Act in operation in New South Wales will materially help towards that end.

"The main point is the great variety of regulations which exist in the various States," he said—"not only the regulations as between the States, but the variety of the methods employed in the various States for the suppression and extinction of pests, and the lack of united effort. In South Australia, for instance, there is no phylloxera, and naturally they do not want it. Consequently they have very strict regulations in terms from Victoria and New South Wales. Victoria has no fruit fly, and she does not want to be inundated with the fly from New South Wales and Queensland. But when we made regulations to prevent the fruit fly from coming into Victoria, New South Wales got up in arms. We only want New South Wales to adhere to the same methods as we adopt in Victoria—they can do more if they like, but we do not want them to do less—to prevent us from getting the fruit fly. For about 15 years we have had a complete system of inspecting the orchards, and we have power to uproot diseased orchards and vineyards. The inspector in charge may make the owner of an orchard bear the expense of the work, and can prevent the sale of fruit from a diseased orchard. That is what we wanted New South Wales to do, and there was a tremendous row about it. The New South Wales Government has, however, been alive to the trouble for some time past, and the orchardists are to blame that action was not sooner taken. The Department of Agriculture here has, I understand, for 5 years to legalise practically what was being done in Victoria; but all attempts were unsuccessful till last year. New South Wales has now really gone one better than Victoria, and has appointed about 26 inspectors to thoroughly investigate the condition of the orchards and vineyards, to try and cope with the pest, and teach the growers their business.

"Our desire is to lay down some broad principles by which each State can be guided in its attitude towards the others. Conditions are different in different States, and we may have different regulations in detail, but we will agree amongst ourselves, I hope, as to the broad principles.

"I am sure a satisfactory arrangement will be come to. We recognise that New South Wales has taken a strong stand, and that is really what we have been trying to get her to do.

"Victoria has the fruit fly in only two or three orchards, but in respect of them we take firm action. We are therefore practically free from that pest, and we guarantee not to send fruit from orchards infested by the fly. Yes, I am quite sure Mr. Perry will agree to any reasonable proposal."

WATER BOARD PRESIDENT.

The Woollahra Council recently issued a circular letter to the various suburban councils expressing the opinion that Mr. T. W. Keele had ably and fearlessly carried out the duties of his office as president of the Water and Sewerage Board, and asking the councils to express an opinion in regard to his reappointment. At the Balmain Council meeting on Tuesday, the Mayor (Alderman Cohen) said Mr. Keele had not only represented the Government, who had appointed him to the position, but the people generally, as was evidenced by his action in connection with the hospital for consumptives at Waterfall. The council agreed, and it was decided to co-operate with Woollahra in securing Mr. Keele's reappointment.

It was decided at the last meeting of the Waverley Council to recommend the reappointment of Mr. T. W. Keele as president of the Water and Sewerage Board.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Approaching Session.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

On Wednesday next the second Parliament of King Edward will be opened in state by his Majesty, and Ministers are now in daily preliminary consultation. The Premier has returned from Biarritz, looking better, but it is anticipated that the bulk of the leadership of the House will fall to Mr. Asquith, especially as prolonged and exhausting sittings are expected. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has decided to absent himself from late sittings for the present, and the legislative programme indicates that late sittings are likely to be the rule rather than the exception. It is not expected that the threatened reformation of the House of Lords will form any part of the Speech from the Throne. The programme of measures to be submitted is sufficiently comprehensive without that, and an autumn session later in the year is inevitable. There are many items set down which will probably get no further than preliminary discussion, but it is considered certain that the Government will press for legislation on the subjects of education, old-age pensions, housing of the people, licensing, and the Scottish Land Bill. Mr. Lloyd-George's Port of London Bill, for the reformed control of the shipping at the mouth of the Thames, will meet the opposition of enormous vested interests, and the Irish University Education Bill, Eight Hours' Day in Mines, English Valuation, and Town Planning, will take what chances may remain to them. The new Education Bill is to be "short, simple, and drastic," to quote Mr. Asquith. Its salient features will be two, viz.: (1) That the people, through their representatives, shall have control of the Public elementary schools, and (2) that there shall be no denominational or religious tests in the appointment of teachers. In the case of the Licensing Bill, the Government are pledged to "reduce the facilities for drinking." They are also pledged to guard the legitimate interests of "the trade" and to secure the innumerable investors in it, against unfair and confiscatory legislation. The barmaids, who were at one time threatened with extinction, have been assured by Mr. Gladstone that the bill will not be so dreadful in their direction as was once feared. They are not to go. Compensation will be a chief feature of the bill, and drastic legislation against club privileges is expected. The old-age pension scheme will at least be promulgated this year, whatever else may be done with it. The cost to this country of a scheme providing 5s a week to men and women of 65 years of age (excluding criminals, vagrants, paupers, and lunatics), has been estimated by Mr. John Burns at £18,000,000 per annum. The point anxiously awaited is from what source will the money be drawn. If it is to be from taxation, Mr. Asquith says, all classes of the community, including the working classes, will be called upon to make a just and adequate contribution—a pronouncement which has rather disconcerted the Labour party, who have just demanded, at the Hull conference, old-age pensions, not only for persons of 65 years of age, but also for all persons under that age who are physically unfit for work. The scheme of the Opposition's amendment of the Address is not yet forthcoming. The matter of the Indians in the Transvaal, and probably the Government's leniency towards the cattle-drivers in Ireland, and the disturbed state of that country generally, will doubtless make an effective basis of attack.

The Labour Conference.

The Labour conference held at Hull this week was composed of delegates representing over a million votes. Its debates have aroused no little interest, and so has its dramatic volte-face, by which as the concluding acts of its sittings it rejected on one day a resolution identifying the Labour party with socialism, and on the next and concluding day passed a similar resolution amid a storm of excitement. It should be understood that the conference is by no means an undivided body of opinion. It represents a federation of views of many kinds, and the main body's cleavage from the socialistic left wing appeared to have been summarily demonstrated on Tuesday last. It was proposed to amend the constitution by embodying in it a clause stating that the ultimate object of the party, "the obtaining for the workers the full result of their labour," was to be gained "by the overthrow of the present competitive system of capitalism, and the institution of a public ownership and control of all the means of life." The division resulted in the defeat of the amendment by 961,000 to 91,000 votes—a crushing defeat. Moreover, another motion of the left, to the effect that candidates of the party should appear under the title of "labour or socialist candidates only," was negatived, and the proposed words "or socialist" were objected to by 916,000 votes as against 82,000. But on Wednesday the conference amazed everybody, including itself, by carrying a socialistic proposal triumphantly, and in spite of the warnings of the less extreme members of the party. It was now affirmed by 514,000 to 469,000 votes that, "in the opinion of this conference the time has arrived when the Labour party should have as a definite object the socialisation of the means of production, distribution, and exchange." The result of the division was the signal for a tremendous demonstration by the socialists, who cheered again and again, and sang their revolutionary song, "The Red Flag." Labour leaders generally are inclined to minimise the importance of the vote, regarding it as in no wise binding upon the party, and it is even being contended that some of the votes were cast in favour of the motion by inadvertence. There is some uneasiness in the ranks, too, as to what the trades unions will do. The trades unions are not whole-souled in the matter of socialism—far from it. And the trades unions not only constitute a formidable section of the Labour party, they provide most of the sinews of war, including the salaries of the Labour members of the House.

At the Sign of "The Ship."

Another historic institution gone. "The Ship" Inn at Greenwich has closed its doors. Many a merry party has foregathered at this ancient hostelry, and many a famous group of men have enjoyed its whitebait dinners. It was whitebait that made "The Ship" famous to bygone generations of Englishmen, and because it was famous, and because there was still whitebait, visitors from all parts of the world have generally managed to earmark a few hours of the whirling rush of a London holiday for a trip to Greenwich and "The Ship." The dinner parties given there cover a wide field of interest. The Ministerial whitebait dinner, inaugurated in the days of Pitt, became a semi-political function, which maintained its importance until quite recent years, the last recorded having been given in 1894, and in the interval there could have been few prominent British statesmen who had not at one time or another assisted towards making the records of the inn historic. Those records, indeed, go far back into the seventeenth century, and it seems certain that "The Ship" is one of the very oldest of all the old hostelries of England. Many of the city companies, clubs, and societies made it a dining rendezvous, and famous men in all departments of life have enjoyed the hospitality of the old inn, and the novelty of its fare, in which dainty preparation of the tiny fish was a prominent feature. The present King, when Prince of Wales, had at least one whitebait dinner at "The Ship," and memories of many festive gatherings there are now being recalled. When Dickens returned from his American tour, "The Ship" was the scene of a gay demonstration to the great novelist by his immediate circle, and Cruickshank, Maclise, Stanfield, John Forster, Marryat, Hood, and Barham were among those who gave brotherly welcome to their friend. But to ransack the records of the old inn were to reveal a continuous line of famous men, and it is these associations of the place that deepen the regret that accompanies its passing. Its best and palmiest days were those of the middle of last century. Latterly the competition arising from the enormous spread of splendidly equipped hotels and restaurants has had its effect, and "The Ship," having lost much of its former distinction of isolation, has suffered. It is now, alas, in the hands of the Official Receiver!

The "Asturias."

The one regret one has in connection with the Asturias, which leaves London to-day on her maiden voyage, is that that voyage will probably be her only one to Australia. Present arrangements provide for her subsequent engagement in the South American service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. She is without doubt a magnificent specimen of the ocean liner up to date. Externally her great bulk makes no effect of awkwardness, for she rides at anchor at Tilbury a model of symmetrical design. Internally her arrangements are such as will surprise Australian travellers accustomed to conditions of seafaring which in many details have long since been replaced in ocean-going steamships on this side. The installation of electricity, and its use for purposes other than lighting, are singularly complete. Cooking, the preparation of food, and the washing of dishes are but a few of the services secured by electricity. There is an electric laundry, which will be one of the greatest boons to travellers, and there are electric fans, electric cigar-lighters, and electric curling-tongs available to all and sundry. A nursery will meet the desire of many a harassed mother who hitherto has had added to the excitements of the voyage that of the frequent rescue of active children who, finding themselves unaccustomedly confined in deck-space, have stretched their energies and themselves across the taffrail. There is a fine social hall, a gymnasium, a photographer's dark-room, beautifully furnished dining saloons, roomy cabins with complete equipment, and "suites de luxe" for those who prefer them. In short, the Asturias is a very fine modern steamship, and one of a class in which one hopes Australians may have many opportunities of travelling. For, if there is to be only one voyage by the Asturias, is there not still the new mail contract?

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The first pastoral session was opened yesterday in the Centenary Hall, under the presidency of Rev. B. Danks.

The secretary was directed to forward letters of sympathy to the families of the late Revs. W. Clarke, W. H. George, Colin Bleasard, and C. M'Clelland Barker. Also to the following supernumeraries:—Revs. Dr. Moulton, J. Monahan, J. F. Orr, and H. Woodhouse.

The new president, Rev. B. Danks, offered a few introductory words, and welcomed Rev. J. Gerrard Martin, who had been transferred from the Queensland Conference.

The morning was spent in the consideration of the work of the probationers of the first year, but was not completed when the conference adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

In the afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. B. Danks conducting the service.

Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor moved, and the Rev. J. Woolnough seconded, that the thanks of the conference be presented to the ex-president, the Rev. John Penman, for the courtesy, faithfulness, and efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. This was supported by the Revs. B. J. Meek, Dr. Brown, and Mr. T. H. England, B.A., and carried by acclamation. The Rev. John Penman acknowledged the expressions of appreciation of his services.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Rev. Jas. Woodhouse for his services as secretary.

The Rev. John Calvert, who had conveyed the greetings of the New South Wales conference to the British Columbia and other Canadian conferences, informed the conference that he had met with a cordial reception, the conferences visited heartily reciprocating their

BIRTHS.

LYALL.—February 13, 1908, at Seaview, 60 Boulevard, Lewisham, the wife of A. E. C. Lyall, of a son.

DEATHS.

BRUGGMANN.—February 26, 1908, at Station-st., Harris Park, Carl Heinrich Freidrich Bruggmann, aged 74 years. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Passed peacefully away.

BURCHETT.—February 15, 1907, suddenly, at Adelaide, the Rev. James Burchett.

LANGLEY.—February 25, at Burnbrae, Lawson, Annie Burns, widow of W. E. Langley, formerly of The Pines, North Sydney, and eldest daughter of the late D. Chrystal, of Ellerslie, Preston, Victoria. Melbourne papers please copy.

MARSH.—January 21, 1908, at Dover, England, Captain Edward Marsh, late of the Helena Mena, in his 70th year.

RUMBLE.—February 22, Isabella, the beloved wife of John Rumble, of Water Vale, Murrumburrah, aged 64 years. R.I.P.

SMITH.—February 26, at Lewisham Private Hospital, John Smith, of Gosford, aged 56 years.

SULLIVAN.—February 26, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Peter Sullivan, aged 66 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BENSON.—A loving tribute to the memory of the late J. Benson, master mariner, who passed away February 27, 1907. After storm and stress, safe in port.

HALLS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, E. O. Halls, late of Glenbrook, who departed this life February 27, 1907.
One year has passed, your face still beams
In all our thoughts and nightly dreams;
Your memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour you passed away.
Inserted by his loving wife, A. M. Halls.

HART.—Loving remembrance of mother, who died at Redfern February 27, 1907. Inserted by M. and A. Hart.

HEGARTY.—In ever affectionate and loving remembrance of our dear brother, James Hegarty, who departed this life February 27th, 1907. Inserted by Michael and Mary O'Connor, and Catherine and Charles Astrop, and his niece Minnie Plummer and family. May his soul R.I.P.

HERBERT.—In loving memory of my dear husband, and our father, Henry, who died February 27, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

LEGGETT.—In sad and loving memory of my beloved wife and our dear mother, Caroline Leggett, who departed this life March 1st, 1907.
Time does not alter love so deep and true,
One year brines back our grief anew;
So noble of heart, so good and brave,
Beloved in life, remembered in the grave.
Rest, dearest mother, thy toil is o'er,
Thy loving hands shall toil no more;
No more thy gentle eyes shall weep,
Rest, darling mother, gently sleep.
Inserted by her loving husband and children.

LEWIS.—In sad but loving memory of our dear little daughter, Elsie May, who died 27th February, 1899, at her parents' residence, Constitution-road, Petersham. Inserted by her fond parents, Alima and John Lewis.

McMASTER.—In memory of Catherine Jane McMaster, who died 27th of February, 1907. At rest. Inserted by her loving husband and children, L., M., and H.

McLAUGHLIN.—In loving memory of Arthur A. R. McLaughlin, died February 27, 1906. Inserted by his brothers. Gone, but not forgotten.

MAXWELL.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Joseph Maxwell, who died February 27, 1907, aged 31 years. Inserted by his loving wife Eva and children, Joe, Mabel, and Willie.

MAXWELL.—In loving memory of my dear son-in-law and brother-in-law, Joseph Maxwell, who died February 27, 1907, aged 31 years. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hall and family.

MAXWELL.—In fond remembrance of our beloved brother-in-law, Joseph Maxwell, who died February 27, 1907, after a short illness. At rest. Inserted by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ethel and Arthur Manvilden, Mabel and Jack Melvilden.

PARRY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, William Parry, who died at Manly, Sydney, February 27, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

RILEY.—In memory of our father, who died at Rozelle on the 27th February, 1907. Free from pain. Inserted by Chris. and Essie.

BOURKE.—In loving memory of Patrick Bourke, who died February 27, 1907, of cerebral hemorrhage. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his affectionate wife, M. Bourke.

TAYLOR.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Harriet Taylor, who died February 27, 1900. Inserted by her loving husband, Samuel and children, Ettie, Oscar, Herbert, Harry, Alice, Bertha. Dead, but not forgotten.

TRAVIS.—In loving memory of John Travis, who died at Guildford, February 27, 1907.
Shame knew him not, he dreaded no disgrace,
An honest heart and truthfulness were written on his face.
Gone from pain and sorrow.
Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Holmes, Turramurra.

WARTON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Clara Warton, who departed this life February 26, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband and children. "Until the day breaks."

WEBBER.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Adolphus Webber, who died February 27, 1901. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Gertrude and Marton Clinton. R.I.P.

WHITEMAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother Maria Whiteman, who departed this life on February 27, 1904, aged 48 years. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by her sorrowing children.

WHITE.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, who died 27th February, 1903, aged 67 years. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, George and Maud White.

WOODFORTH.—In loving memory of our dear father, James Woodforth, late of West Maitland, who died February 27, 1907, aged 62 years. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Lillie and William Collett.

WOODFORTH.—In sad and loving memory of our dear father, James Woodforth, who departed this life February 27, 1907. At rest. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Lance and Gertie Woodforth.

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THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

It will be gathered from our cablegrams that the passage of the new Education Bill through the House of Commons is likely to be as stormy as that of its predecessor. Mr. M'Kenna's appeal for sympathy was no doubt the expression of hope, but not of anticipation. There is no controversy in English politics which arouses such passions as the struggle for the control of elementary schools. The extremists, who are the persons most prominent on either side, are animated by considerations which belong to history as well as to present-day conditions. The remembrance of the old struggle between Nonconformists and the Established Church prevents the leading advocates from giving a calm consideration to an attempt to do justice between the two parties. Mr. Birrell found himself attacked by his followers, as well as by his opponents, when he introduced his bill in the first session of the present Parliament. The bill was passed by an overwhelming majority because it repealed the Act of the Unionist Government, which was universally condemned at the general election. But in detail it was condemned not only by the defenders of the existing law; the Nonconformists complained because they were given too little of their expected revenge, and because a concession was made to th feeling of the Catholics that to be deprived of the teaching of their faith was worse than to have no teaching at all. Mr. M'Kenna apparently finds himself between the same two fires. His work has been denounced in unmeasured terms by Mr. Balfour, who on this subject displays more than his usual skill, and far more than his usual feeling. At the same time it has been coldly received by the Nonconformists, probably on account of the grant in aid from the Exchequer to denominational schools in town and country alike. Yet, if only for tactical reasons, the Liberals were bound to introduce some such bill as this. To redeem their election pledges they had to amend the unpopular Act of 1902, as Mr. Birrell had attempted to do. It may be that they would have been well advised to reintroduce the earlier bill at once, and challenge the House of Lords to reject it again. But, having chosen to go on with their programme, not to have brought forward a second bill would have been to discredit themselves with their supporters, and to admit the right of Mr. Balfour to do through the Peers what he could not do in the Commons.

The present bill, as far as we can gather, reproduces the main features of the earlier one, whereby it was proposed in clause 1 that all public elementary schools which received support from the rates and taxes should be provided schools, and be subject to the local education authority. The so-called non-provided schools will be transferred to the same local authority, which will pay an adequate rent, and be responsible for their maintenance. Under no circumstances will local rates be applied in aid of a denominational school, but there will be a grant in aid from the Imperial Exchequer to help it to attain a fixed standard of secular instruction. The voluntary schools regain the right to charge fees, and as a corollary lose the right to compel attendance. The occasion of the withdrawal of the earlier bill was the rejection by the House of Lords of a clause exempting teachers from religious tests. This clause is brought forward again, as is also a provision that trustees who transfer a school to a local authority may make provision for extended facilities for denominational teaching out of school hours. The foundations of the bill are two main principles. People of one denomination are not to be allowed to dictate to people of another on the lines of what faith the religious teaching of their children is to be conducted. In no case are the schools maintained by the rates to be controlled by any but a popular authority. The scheme of teaching which an Australian would suggest, and which some Englishmen favour, is declared to be impossible. A purely secular education would be denounced as warmly on one side of the House as on the other. This bill proposes to re-establish the system first introduced by the Cowper Temple clause, under which religious teaching is founded on the Bible only. To all except those who believe either that education can only be satisfactorily carried on on a secular basis, or that undenominational teaching is irreligious, the compromise must seem just and reasonable. It is certainly not novel. It was the solution advocated by Huxley, who saw the influence that might be exerted by the Bible on the children of the poor. "This system," said Mr. Birrell, "has been our happy experience for the last thirty-six years, during which millions and millions of English children have received their whole education without question and without demur on the part of their parents."

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

It is satisfactory to find Mr. Wood now professing the open mind in reference to Mr. Keele's protest regarding the Waterfall Home, and we have at any rate the assurance that building on the Woronora catchment area will not for the present be proceeded with. What is difficult to understand is, why the Government endeavours to insist on its proposed reservation, and why there should be any objection raised against the offer of the Water and Sewerage Board to undertake to supply water to the hospital. One would think this was the natural thing to do, and that only the possession of some strong prejudice against the board duly constituted to control water supply could explain the attitude that has been taken up. Mr. Wood has endeavoured by all means in his power to discount the objections that have been raised, and he would apparently like us to believe that the present stand being taken by Mr. Keele is the captious product of a sudden impulse. But this is very far from being the case. The circumstances may seem somewhat trifling to the uninitiated, but doubtless what has really urged Mr. Keele to emphatic protest is his knowledge that the intended action of the Government would strongly militate against his elaborately-evolved schemes for the effective extension of Sydney water supply. It is the future which Mr. Keele has in mind, and though there is a half-truth in Mr. Wood's claim that the Woronora River is beyond the catchment area, it is a misleading half-truth—for Mr. Wood knows very well that the Woronora is an essential feature in those plans for future extension, which have so far met with a cool reception, not to say undeserved neglect. There was no reason why the Home for Consumptives should have been placed at Waterfall in the first place, and the danger to future water supply is rather from air-borne germs than from drainage, although admittedly drainage does not enter into the question so far as the main building is concerned. The objection to the hospital may be more sentimental than real; but the same cannot be said of objections to building on the Woronora side, and to the Government's refusal to hand over the reservation to the water authority.

The true inwardness of the business was aptly put the other day by Mr. H. G. M'Kinney. He reminds us how often in our short past history we have discovered that the city was rapidly outgrowing its water supply, and driven to hasty and expensive temporary schemes. Always the cry has been that the new supply was adequate for the remote future, and always that cry has been falsified. It would be absurd for us to assign limits to the growth of a metropolis as to whose possibilities of extension we can only dream, and it is surely a wise thing to make provision now for any future. And that is particularly so when such provision costs as nothing, or at most a little self-denial in liberty of building. Mr. Keele has carefully thought out the various aspects of the problem, and he has suggested the way in which the Woronora area may afford a most valuable supply. As Mr. M'Kinney says, it seems scarcely credible that obstacles have been placed in the way of the reservation of this addition to the catchment. No one, so far as we know, is trying to raise a scare, but it would be folly to throw away an opportunity that is still open, and which when once lost will be most costly to regain. What we want to urge on Mr. Wood's consideration is that the preservation of the Woronora area is an integral part of Mr. Keele's thoroughly comprehensive scheme for dealing with the water supply system. It seems to us unfortunate that there has been so much delay in inquiring into this matter; and inquiry is all that Mr. Keele demands. And certainly it would be worse than unfortunate to prejudice the future in the way now contemplated.

As is well known, Mr. Keele has long been urging that we should keep in view the need of giving Sydney a water supply alternative to and independent of the present pipe line. It is obviously a somewhat risky thing to put all our faith in the present provision, and it is obvious that as suburban settlement increases the need for an alternative pipe line will become more and more urgent as time goes on. Mr. Keele has submitted two such alternative schemes, the second of which would supply the whole of the Illawarra suburbs in a very neat way, and has besides other important considerations to recommend it. Both schemes depend on extension of the present catchment area northward into the valley of the George's and Woronora Rivers, thus taking in about 84 square miles of country. So far this area is almost wholly unalienated, and it is certainly a statesmanlike proposal to keep it inviolate for probable future needs. Besides being very suitable as a subsidiary catchment area, this district has the very strong recommendation of supplying, if desired, a high-level gravitation scheme, which would give a water pressure very much higher than what we have at present. A moderate dam construction would give an impoundage second only to Cataract. The water thus conserved might be turned into the existing canal; but it might much more profitably be utilised for an independent supply, which would to a considerable extent enable pumping to be dispensed with. This would be an expensive undertaking, but its utility is unquestionable, not only by reason of the additional service, but also by reason of the very great advantages inherent in a gravitation supply giving convenient water pressure. No one, of course, is suggesting the immediate carrying out of such a scheme. But it is well worth while to draw some attention to it, for the reason that the existence of these proposals, so wide in their scope, explains fully Mr. Keele's anxiety about the special points now at issue. Incidentally it is further some evidence, if any were needed, that Mr. Keele has a firm grip of the wider problems of water supply, and that therefore his opinions may claim respectful consideration. Fortunately public opinion is not slow to perceive when it is being well served, and public opinion after all has pretty direct ways of making itself felt.

A PACIFIC LINK.

Because of the provision which it makes for the financial encouragement of a line of steamships between the Pacific Coast of the United States and Australia, we can feel an interest in the Ship Subsidy Bill now before the United States Congress. The cable published this morning informs us that this bill authorises the payment of 16s per mile to second-class vessels on the outward voyage to Commonwealth ports and the Philippines. Of course the bill has yet to pass, but if it does we may assume that another line of vessels will take up the running. Should that happen it will be a matter for congratulation, and the reappearance of American mail and cargo boats in these waters will be welcomed. Even assuming that the trade from Australia outwards is not as yet very considerable, it is undesirable that we should be without regular communication with the western coast of the United States. Most of our export and import trade with North America is done by the other route, culminating at New York; but in view of the daily increasing commercial importance of the Pacific, it is inevitable that a large trade must sooner or later fall to this route. When the Spreckles line was running much emphasis was laid upon the advantage of travel to Europe via the United States; but the passenger traffic never reached very large proportions, and if we search for an explanation it might be found in the fact that the line was never made attractive enough. The boats never compared very well with those of the vessels of competing routes, and if we are to see another line established between San Francisco and Australia we could wish that the subsidy did not contemplate the running of second-class vessels, as it evidently does.

But just as it is considered bad form to look a gift horse in the mouth, so we would be hardly justified in scrutinising too closely a gift line of steamers; because if a new line starts it will be run chiefly at the expense of the United States Treasury. Of course, the United States has much more at stake in keeping this route open than has the Commonwealth. She wants our market for manufactured goods, and the market we have to offer will always be worth her while cultivating, despite the tariff. At the same time, it is almost certain that if a line is put on again its conductors will expect the Commonwealth to supplement the subsidy received from the United States. But while we may appreciate the services which such a line will doubtless render, it is quite unlikely that any Australian Government would venture to subsidise it from this end. Even if the volume of trade warranted such a course it could not be followed, in view of the prohibitions which operate against British shipping in American waters. If Australia is to pay a subsidy at all for Pacific steamship communication, it would be restricted to a "red" line to Vancouver. That consideration, however, will not make a purely American line any the less welcome, and if it includes the Philippines in its list of calling places we can conceive how it may facilitate our growing trade with those islands.

INTEMPERANCE.

Now that Mr. Mauger's commentary upon the habits of the Maitland district miners has been made the cause of an adjournment of the Senate the less that is further heard of the matter the better. We do not go so far as to say that Senator Neild was not justified in taking the action he did to call attention to the Postmaster-General's indiscretion. But having done so, there is no need to make the incident a peg on which to hang any further political advertisements. When Mr. Mauger, talking by and large at a temperance gathering, accused every fifth man among the miners of the Maitland district of being a drunkard, he no doubt believed that he was doing a genuine service to the community. And to the extent that he spoke out of an honest conviction, he is entitled to the respect which is the due of any honest man who dares tell the truth, even though he displease. But while that much may be conceded, it nevertheless remains true that Mr. Mauger's utterance stands as an example of the kind of generalisation in regard to morals which a sensible public man will endeavour to avoid. No one who knows life in the coal-mining districts will attempt for a moment to dispute that it covers much excessive drinking. But no one who knows life as it presents itself in other places, and under the circumstances of other avocations, will dispute that it also covers much excessive drinking. The coal miner is not by any means the only individual in the community who is unfortunately addicted to taking a drop too much. And for a man holding for the moment the important office of Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth, and because of his occupancy of that office able to obtain for his utterances a wide audience, which in his character as a private individual would be impossible to him—for a man so situated to publicly associate himself with a statement aimed at individuals, and involving in disrepute a whole class, is regrettable. A wise man has dwelt upon the impossibility of drawing an indictment against a nation. Similarly we may say that it is foolish to attempt to draw an indictment against a section of a community.

STREET SIGNS.

The decision of the Full Court, on the appeal of R. C. Hagon, that the City Council's bylaw respecting street signs must stand, is important, as an intimation of the very wide powers of regulation possessed by the council in this respect. The point seemed to turn on the question as to whether this particular bylaw was "reasonable," and the Court held that it was. It is no doubt a good thing for the council to know definitely that it has this wide power; but because it has the power it does not follow that it must exercise it to the full. From the standpoint of the appearance of the city, which is or should be the concern of all good citizens, it is obviously desirable that some systematic action should be taken to control the use of signs. As they exist to-day in their riotous disregard of any consideration other than advertising effect they make for hideousness as few other things do. But as this condition of things has been the gradual growth of half a century or so, a growth at which past councils have connived, it is not reasonable to require that there shall be complete transformation in one act. After all street signs, whether ugly or beautiful, are very often in no small degree part of the shop occupier's business assets, and the council will do well to exercise its powers to enforce reform with becoming restraint.

The Meeting of Parliament.—"No doubt," said Mr. Holman, M.L.A., yesterday, "the pressure of circumstances has compelled the Government to take the step of calling Parliament together so soon as it is about to do, but in the circumstances it is the only possible step. If we are to meet in March we shall have three months before the expiration of the present Arbitration Act to fully discuss the Act which is to take its place, and that is a very proper state of things. I gather from what Mr. Wade says, that the session is only to be a short one, but personally I should be in favour of making it 'the' session of Parliament, and adjourning at the end of October or beginning of November, so as to avoid the hot weather."

The Federal Spirit.—Victoria wants a number of powerful pumps to assist in the carrying out of her rapidly-developing irrigation schemes, and in true Federal spirit she has decided to give the New South Wales manufacturers a chance. An irrigation settlement is to be established near Swan Hill, on the Murray, at a place named Nyah, and pumps capable of raising sufficient water to irrigate 2000 acres, and to supply 100 square miles of the mallee country with stock and domestic water, are required. Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture, stated last night that he had decided to invite tenders for the supply of pumps in both Melbourne and Sydney, and when the hope was expressed that Sydney houses would be successful, Mr. Swinburne re-echoed the wish.

The Eastern Steam Service.—Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture, saw the Premier (Mr. Wade) yesterday with reference to the steam services to Java and Singapore. Victoria subsidises the Currie line, and it has been represented that such a policy was unfair to Burns, Philp, and Co., who run a line from Sydney. Replying to a recent deputation, Mr. Wade stated that he was not going to let the interests of the State suffer. The interview he had yesterday with Mr. Swinburne was with the object of arriving at some arrangement which would be fair to the line of steamers running from Sydney. No agreement was come to, and the Premier will see Mr. Swinburne again before the latter's departure from Sydney.

Sir Henry Parkes's Grave.—The condition of Sir Henry Parkes's grave at Faulconbridge calls for public attention. The plot in which the deceased statesman lies buried is in a most unkempt condition, and weeds cover the footpaths and the grave, while one of the iron railings by which it is enclosed has been displaced, and lies on the grave. Some time ago a sum of money was voted by the State Parliament to put the last resting place of the distinguished statesman in order, but whether the money was made available is not apparent now. Those who would journey to Faulconbridge now would receive a shock at the condition of the cemetery, as a bush fire has destroyed some of the fences of the other graves, and the place has an appearance of disorder generally.

Mining in the Western District.—The western district is rich in mineral deposits of ironstone, coal shale, and other more valuable metals. A good deal of prospecting is being done for coal in the mountains around Mount Victoria. Boring operations have been conducted in one of the gullies near the railway station, and a steam drill has been at work for some days. Shale has been struck, and it is expected that coal in payable quantities will also be found. Prospecting operations in other parts of the district are also being carried out extensively. The development of the Wolgan Valley grows apace, and the new railway which joins the main Western line at Newnes Junction is nearing completion.

Strike of Rockchoppers.—The demands of the rockchoppers for an increase in wages again came before the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday. The President reported that a conference of the bodies employing rockchoppers had been held, with certain results which it was decided not to make public. The President will meet the contractors' association and the Rockchoppers' Union on Tuesday next, when it is hoped an amicable arrangement will be come to.

Registration of Restaurants.—At the meeting of the health committee of the City Council yesterday, it was resolved to recommend the council that full provision be made in an Amending Corporation Act for (a) the licensing and registration of all eating houses, restaurants, etc., (b) for full and adequate powers in regard to sanitation, ventilation, and conditions of utensils, and all matters pertinent to the preparation and handling of food; (c) for regulation as to the requisite standard of health and cleanliness in regard to all persons associated with the handling of food.

The Law and the Test Match.—Whether a jury can or cannot stop a case and give a verdict appears to be viewed in different ways by different Judges. Yesterday at the Quarter Sessions, during the hearing of a charge of perjury against a man named Richard May, the jurors intimated, after the Crown case had closed and two or three witnesses had been called for the defence, that they did not require to hear any more evidence. Judge Docker, however, refused to allow them to come to a decision, and observed that possibly the Crown might wish to call evidence in reply. The trial proceeded, and after the jury had retired Mr. J. W. Abigail, who appeared for the accused, asked his Honor to make a note of the point that he had asked that the jury be allowed to return their verdict. His Honor consented to do this if necessity should arise, but said such a course as permitting the jury to return the verdict during the hearing of a case was irregular, and he would not permit it. He would not infringe the rights and privileges of the jury, nor would he allow the jury to usurp the functions of the Judge "I remember," continued his Honor, "a case in which I was once engaged as counsel, and, curiously enough, the jury was anxious to get away, not to see a test match, but to see the races. The Crown Prosecutor, however, made a speech two hours in length, and the jury after all was prevented from going to the races. I have no desire to keep the jury or anyone else from seeing the test match. I should like to see it myself." Even while his Honor was speaking, a knock at the jury-room door intimated that a verdict had been arrived at, and when the jurors were admitted to the Court they brought with them a verdict of not guilty. "Now," said his Honor, in discharging them, "we can all go and see the rest of the test match"; and all hands, May included, filed out of court, presumably to do so.

A Serious Danger.—In addressing a gathering last night the Lord Mayor, after referring to the valuable services which Alderman Lindsay Thompson had rendered as a member of the Fire Brigades Board, said there were blocks of buildings in the city which were a standing menace from a fire point of view. If a fire broke out in them it would be almost impossible, except under the most favourable circumstances, to deal with it. While the Fire Brigade had done extraordinary good work in suppressing fires, they were none the less working in shackles—they were working under conditions which should be remedied at the earliest possible moment.

Methodist Modesty.—The question of probationers' examination work was before the Methodist Conference yesterday, and the general secretary of the Home Mission Society was arguing the necessity for keeping up the examination standards, pointing out that in his early ministry he passed his examination while working a wide and weak circuit, entailing a large amount of travelling. A member of the conference asked how the speaker had passed. The general secretary replied by quoting an incident in the experience of another minister present, who was once asked if he were not something of a great man, to which the minister said, "Modesty forbids me to answer."

Yorkshire Society and Captain Cook.—Some time ago the Yorkshire Society of New South Wales made an application to the city council to be permitted to place a tablet on the statue of Captain Cook in Hyde Park. The application was granted on condition that the deputy town clerk approved the design. A photograph of the proposed tablet was submitted to the health committee of the city council yesterday, bearing the inscription in relief, "To the memory of a great Yorkshireman, Captain James Cook. Yorkshire Society of New South Wales, April 23, 1908." The committee approved the design, and it was directed to be sent on to council for adoption.

Suburban "Orchards."—One of the greatest difficulties the authorities encounter in dealing with the fruit pests is the number of small "orchards," often consisting of a solitary tree, in the back yards of suburban residences. These places are notoriously the most dangerous breeding grounds of pests such as codlin moth and fruit-fly, and about Sydney they are a standing menace to the fruit industry, in spite of the most strenuous efforts that may be made to keep the regulation orchards free. Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture, stated last night that he found a similar trouble around Melbourne. Suburban "orchards" were often the most badly diseased, and he was taking action to compel owners of diseased fruit trees to cut them down. "There is no other way of overcoming the difficulty," he said, "and we are therefore going to insist upon the destruction of the trees if the owners will not take the trouble to keep them clean."

Postal Mismanagement.—A correspondent complains of his experiences at the hands of the postal authorities. About October last he found a newspaper delayed and opened before delivery and even kept altogether. In November a parcel worth 10s, posted to Geraldton, W.A., failed to reach its destination. Last month his wife arranged for David Jones and Co. to send some goods to Perth, W.A., which have not yet arrived. An important business letter is also "in transit." He calculates he is just a sovereign out on these experiences.

The Bunyip.—To actually see the bunyip, so renowned in legend, is not the privilege of everybody, and the fact that it has at last been given a real existence is a matter that must prove of unusual interest to lovers and students of Australian natural history. All kinds of stories have been told of this extraordinary animal, which, by the way, has had up to the present time only a mythical existence. But though it has at last been run to earth it is still questionable if Wollstonecraft—a suburb on the North Shore railway line within a mile or so of Milson's Point—is its natural habitat. Beyond doubt it was seen there yesterday afternoon by a large number of prominent citizens, who had been invited to attend for the purpose of witnessing the prodigious feats it was capable of performing. Yet after all the bunyip of Wollstonecraft was not the mysterious animal so often talked about, but a name given to a new power for uprooting and hauling trees of large dimensions—a process for clearing timbered land in a cheap and simple manner. And, how it did pull! The device consists of a double continuous ratchet, worked by a lever, and winds a double purchase wire rope on to a central drum. The bunyip is fastened securely to any old stump near the tree which it is desired to remove. At a height of about 20ft from the ground the wire rope is made fast to its victim, and then the uprooting operation commences. One man at the lever does all the work, and slowly but surely the strain is increased, until the tree is torn from its roots and lies prone upon the ground—a process which yesterday in two instances took just 25 minutes to complete. The trees operated upon had a uniform girth of about 6ft, and stood about 70ft or 80ft in height. The bunyip when out of use can be wheeled about like any common wheelbarrow. Those who witnessed the demonstration yesterday, at the invitation of Mr. H. H. Hinds, were gratified by the results. The bunyip is a great labour-saving device.

Hyde Park Undesirables and Dogs.—"Now that the council is making the city parks beautiful, and transforming them from ill-kept, untidy, and useless areas, it is very necessary that the dog nuisance should be suppressed." Thus the deputy town clerk in a report to the health committee yesterday. Mr. Layton further referred to the presence of dogs and other undesirables who lie about the park. Bylaws are provided to prevent both nuisances, but according to Mr. Layton they are ineffective. In a covering report the city solicitor expressed the opinion that persons lying about the park cannot evade the bylaw by simply raising themselves slightly on one elbow. As to the dogs, these animals can be seized by all persons, especially constables, and destroyed, whether registered or not, if found at large in any part of the city, if not under the control of some competent person, and unless they have a collar round the neck with the name and address of the owner engraved thereon. Both reports were received.

Mutilation of Horses.—The ranger of Moore Park reported yesterday to the health committee of the City Council that on the night of the 16th instant some malicious person or persons mutilated two of the horses agisting on Moore Park by docking their tails. One, a valuable animal, the property of Mr. F. Coghlan, of 237 Dowling-street, city, had the whole of the hair removed from its tail. The owners were informed, and the matter reported to the police. The report was received.

Archdeacon Gunther has invited the heads of the churches to confer with him on the desirability of setting apart a day of thanksgiving for rain.

A correspondent urges that the Tramway Department should supply car-drivers with oilskins, as the waterproofs they use are really porous.

The city health officer reported to the health committee of the City Council yesterday that three attacks of scarlet fever, two of diphtheria, and 17 of typhoid fever had been notified in the city during the past fortnight. Typhoid fever was unusually heavy, but the cases were scattered, and not connected by a common milk supply or other traceable circumstance. Six cases of pulmonary consumption were notified under the council's bylaws. Seven plague-infected rats were taken, of which six were caught on the Darling Harbour frontages, and one in Clarence-street.

The article by Mr. Fred. Turner on the "Hexham Scent," published recently in our columns, has been the means of preventing a leading Sydney coal firm from purchasing some six tons of the vanning plant. Recent articles from the same pen on the edible and economic plants of Australia have been quoted in the "Kew Bulletin," the organ of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Dr. Arthur has written to the Tramway Department suggesting local intelligence officers in the various suburbs to advise the authorities when congestions of traffic are likely to occur, due to an entertainment, wet weather, or the like.

"Electrician" complains of the low wages paid to employees in the City Council's electric light department, alleging that they receive only 7s per day.

Public holidays have been proclaimed as under:—District of Taree and police district of Berrima, Friday, March 6; police district of Molong, districts of Glen Innes, Manly, and Emmaville, Mons and the Richmond electorates, Wednesday, March 11; districts of Cowra, Cudal, and Canowindra, Thursday, March 12; districts of Wilcannia and Gundagai, Tuesday, March 17; districts of Wilde's Meadow, Burrowong, Hay, and Robertson, Wednesday, March 18; shire district of Gloucester, Thursday, March 19; district of Crookwell, Friday, March 20; district of Cambagee, Wednesday, March 25.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson will preside at the banquet to be tendered Mr. J. H. Carruthers in the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, March 4. Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P., and the State Premier, Mr

HAPLESS MACEDONIA.

A CATASTROPHE THREATENS.

IMPOTENT CONCERT OF POWERS.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Earl Percy, in the House of Commons last night, initiated a debate on the condition of Macedonia. He said that he was in no wise satisfied that the programme drawn up at Muerzsteg by the representatives of Austria-Hungary and Russia, and agreed to by the other Powers, for enforcing reforms in Macedonia, had failed.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that so far as railways favoured trade they had our goodwill. He trusted that the scheme proposed by Austria for constructing a railway through the Novi-Bazar province of Turkey would not lead to difficulties within the concert of Europe.

Great Britain, Sir Edward Grey said, was prepared to relinquish her scheme for the institution of a gendarmerie in Macedonia if a better scheme was suggested. He was certain that if the concert was determined the question could be settled.

A Turkish Governor of capacity and character, known to the Powers, and irremovable for a term of years, should be given a free hand to secure effective administration. If that appointment was accompanied by a reduction of Turkish troops, a collective guarantee should be given that Turkey's dominions would not be interfered with from outside.

The danger was not, Sir Edward Grey continued, that the Powers were likely to quarrel, but that the concert would perish from lack of vitality and failure. The condition of Macedonia was such that if neglected it might precipitate a catastrophe. This could be prevented by the union and determination of the concert, which the Government would continue to do its utmost to secure.

MORE THAN REFORM WANTED.

BRITAIN'S OBSERVANT ATTITUDE.

A debate on Macedonia also took place in the House of Lords. Lord Fitzmaurice, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, hinted that some Powers feared that judicial reform was not in itself what was most urgently needed to stop outrages and suppress marauding bands in Macedonia, but that some more effective proposal ought to be forthcoming.

The Marquis of Lansdowne said he gathered from the remarks of Lord Fitzmaurice that Great Britain was keeping an observant attitude.

Great Britain proposes that the gendarmerie are controlled by the officers of the Powers should be increased, and that the marauding bands should be pursued. The Porte, to circumvent the carrying out of the proposal, organised 12 flying columns of picked men to combat the bands. The Sultan suggested that the agents of the European Powers now acting in Macedonia should enter the Turkish service. It was on this condition only that he would renew the mandates of the foreign officials. What is occurring in Macedonia is simply told in the report of the officer commanding the gendarmerie in the French circle at Salonika. He speaks of progress of the "pacification" operations in his district, but the propriety of the use of the word is questionable when in one part of his report he tells us that during November, in the four circles under French, Italian, Russian, and Austro-Hungarian supervision, embracing the districts of Uskub, Monastir, and Salonika, the constructions numbered 211, the largest number of victims being Bulgars, then Turks, Greeks, and Serbs in lessening proportions.

RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

NO SKELETON IN THE CUPBOARD.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Count Wolff-Metternich, German Ambassador in London, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the London Chamber of Commerce last night. In responding to the toast of his health, the Ambassador said that there was no skeleton in the cupboard standing between Great Britain and Germany. Good relations were a stronger protection than armies and fleets.

Germany's policy and efforts were directed towards united action of the Powers to secure useful reforms and stop massacres in Macedonia. It was an utter fabrication to say that German was instigating Austria-Hungary to build a railway through the Novi-Bazar province. Austria-Hungary was the best judge of her own economic interests.

NO RESTRICTION ON JAPANESE

DECISION OF BRITISH COLUMBIAN COURT.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Full Court of British Columbia has upheld the decision of the Chief Justice of the Province, Mr. Justice Hunter, that the Immigration Restriction Bill, imposing an education test, is not applicable to Japanese, because it conflicts with the treaty with Japan.

THE NASI TRIAL.

PETITION FOR MERCY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Ninety-one members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies have petitioned King Victor Emmanuel to pardon Signor Nasi, convicted by the Senate, sitting as a Supreme Court of Justice, of the malversation of public funds while a Minister.

Signor Nasi's popularity all over Sicily is unbounded, not only because he spent public money lavishly on his native town and island, but also because he is a Sicilian, and therefore must be supported against the Continentals.

INTERCHANGE OF STUDENTS.

MR. BRYCE PREDICTS PROFIT.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, in receiving the degree of Doctor of Laws at M'Gill University, Montreal, made reference to the success of colonial students at Oxford. He emphasised what would be gained if British students came to study in the Universities of Canada and Australia.

SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

EXTENDING THE AMERICAN SYSTEM.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Senator Gallinger has introduced a bill in the United States Senate which seeks to authorise the payment of a subsidy of $4 per mile for outward voyages to second-class vessels running to Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. This is virtually the same rate as that at present applicable to first-class vessels.

THE OPEN DOOR

MANCHURIAN TRADE RESTRICTED.

CHINA SEEKS AID.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin is credibly informed that Sun Pao-Ki, Chinese Minister to Germany, has been instructed to discuss with Prince Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, the treatment of trade by Japanese in Manchuria, and to broach the possibility of the United States and Germany entering into a special agreement for the maintenance of equal trade opportunities in Chinese territory.

THE VETOED RAILWAY.

COMPETITION NOT TOLERATED.

FREETRADE ENDANGERED.

Japan declares that she intends to hold China to her pledge not to construct a railway parallel with, or a branch line likely to affect the traffic of, the South Manchurian railway. If the railway from Hsin-min-ting to Fakumen was constructed, the South Manchurian line would lose half its traffic.

The railway question, Japan says, does not affect the open door policy in Manchuria, which she is actively engaged in executing.

Dr. Morrison, Peking correspondent of the "Times," writes that Chinese newspapers urge that if the Japanese contention denying the right of China to extend northwards her railway system west of the Liau River be upheld, the result will be the end of the open door, and the extinction of China's sovereignty in Manchuria.

The Government at Peking is discussing the question with the Japanese Legation.

NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

AN INCREASE OF ONLY £14,000.

A TEMPORARY PROGRAMME.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

"The Times" writes:—"Although the Navy Estimates exhibit a nominal increase of £900,000, this represents a real increase of under £14,000, the rest being automatic and inevitable."

"The Times" implies that the Government reduced the original estimates half a million below the point the Admiralty considered advisable.

All the newspapers realise that the naval programme is only temporary, and they anticipate a great increase in 1909.

INCREASING EFFICIENCY.

LORD TWEEDMOUTH OPTIMISTIC.

Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his Memorandum attached to the Navy Estimates, states that the Admiralty possess abundant war plans and elaborated strategical operations.

He declares that a sound knowledge of long-range shooting is thoroughly permeating the fleet.

SCOTTISH SMALL LANDHOLDERS.

BILL THROUGH THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The House of Commons last night read the third time, by a majority of 257, the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill introduced by the Government. The voting was—

For the bill	347
Against the bill	90

PRIVATE BILL IN THE LORDS.

The Scottish Small Landholders Bill, introduced into the House of Lords by the Earl of Camperdown, was read the second time in that House yesterday, despite a remark by the Earl of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, that the bill was an intentional slight on the Commons.

The Earl of Rosebery, in retorting, emphasised the football-like precipitancy with which the House of Commons was sending up the Government bill.

[The Earl of Camperdown's measure avoids the Land Court, the divided ownership, and other contentious features of the Government's bill, and follows the main lines of the English Act of 1907.]

REDUCTION IN THE ARMY.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The "Standard" deplores the reduction in the regular forces by 5000, and states that the reasons inducing Mr. Haldane to form a territorial army furnish an unanswerable argument against reducing the garrison artillery by 1000.

TRIAL OF DINIZULU.

BAIL REFUSED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Supreme Court of Natal has refused to grant bail to Dinizulu, charged with sedition and high treason, but the Chief Justice, Sir H. Bale, thought that the Crown must consider the complaint that Dinizulu was not allowed proper facilities to prepare his defence.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

FAMINE RELIEF IN INDIA.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Upwards of one million people in India are in receipt of relief on account of famine.

MR. KIMBER'S DENIAL.

Mr. Kimber, solicitor for G. H. Druce, in the course of an interview, indignantly and specifically contradicted the statements of Mrs. Mary Robinson so far as they affected him.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, is progressing, though slowly, towards recovery.

MORTALITY IN MINES.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking in the House of Commons last night, stated that the average mortality among the Chinese working in the Rand mines was 16 per thousand annually, while the mortality among the Nyassaland natives employed in the Premier mine was 106 per thousand.

FEATHERWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Jim Driscoll beat Griffin, a New Zealander, in a match for the featherweight championship of the world.

Griffin was disqualified in the fifteenth round for butting after having been cautioned five times.

PACIFIC PENAL STATION.

FOR CONSUMPTIVE PRISONERS.

REJECTED BY THE REICHSTAG.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

General Liebert, President of the Pan-German Union, in the Reichstag yesterday moved a resolution in favour of the transportation of German convicts to colonial penal stations. Tuberculosis among prisoners in Germany, he said, suggested the necessity of giving them a chance to start a fresh life in a new world.

Herr Dernburg, Director of Colonial Affairs, said that the Government would continue to examine the question, which needed earnest consideration owing to financial and national aspects, but he did not think it expedient to recommend the House to adopt the resolution.

The resolution was rejected.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

FIERCE HIGH CHURCHMEN.

ROMAN CATHOLICS PESSIMISTIC.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Resolutions which have been passed by Nonconformist members of the House of Commons, and by Welsh members, on the Education Bill, do not commit either group to unqualified approval of the Education Bill introduced by Mr. R. M'Kenna, President of the Board of Education.

High Churchmen fiercely denounce the bill.

Father Bernard Vaughan, speaking at the East End, said it was an altogether impossible bill.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster (Dr. Bourne), in the course of a speech at Leeds, said he believed that the bill would be unworkable.

"The Times" declares that "the English sense of justice will resent this obvious attempt to cripple the rural schools of the Church, unless they will accept the proposed limited facilities for denominational teaching."

IRRIGATION IN EGYPT.

ITS POSSIBILITIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Earl of Cromer, speaking at the Society of Arts yesterday, said that in the next 15 or 20 years £20,000,000 might very advantageously be spent in irrigation in Egypt and the Soudan.

In a speech before a recent meeting of the Khedivial Royal Geographical Society, Sir William Willcocks pointed out that the White Nile from its source to its mouth is really a series of reservoirs. In its natural condition it stores immense quantities of water, and has three sites particularly suitable for artificial reservoirs—Nimule, near Lake Albert, the Saubat Mouth, and Khartoum. The works at Khartoum could be easily completed in three years, and would supply all the water that Egypt and the Soudan would need for many years to come.

OUTRAGE IN LIBERIA.

BRITAIN DEMANDS INDEMNITIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Great Britain demands an indemnity from the Government of Liberia, West Africa, for the deaths of Messrs. Ditchfield and Blenkinsop, two English traders, at Cape Palmas, the easternmost portion of Liberia.

Great Britain alleges that the deaths were due to foul play on the part of Liberians and the Liberian Government.

TUNNELLING THE HUDSON.

A SIXTY MILLION SCHEME.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

President Roosevelt touched a button at Washington, and so inaugurated the first pair of tunnels under the Hudson River, between Manhattan Island and New Jersey. These tunnels are the forerunners of others, the aggregate cost being £60,000,000.

TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day, 1516 casks were offered and 358 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 33s 9d, medium 30s; beef, fine 31s 6d, medium 28s per cwt.

THE SCULLING ASHES.

WHO WILL RECOVER THEM?

G. TOWNS MAY RACE AGAIN.

The championship contest on the Wanganui has, in spite of the test match, been the one topic of conversation in aquatic circles. Now that New Zealand has retained the blue ribbon local enthusiasts are looking round for candidates likely to regain the coveted honour.

George Towns, who recently resigned the championship in favour of his brother Charles, said that he was not at all surprised at the result. While hoping that Teddidor would be victorious, he quite expected that the New Zealander would win. There was no doubt that Webb must have improved considerably.

"Australian rowing may have deteriorated," admitted the sculler—"slightly—it is certainly not as good as it was in the days of Beach and Searle."

"Do you feel fit to have another go for the championship yourself?"

"I have not seriously considered the matter," said Towns, "for I would have to neglect my business, and there would be worry and expense about it. The question of financing is the chief trouble. If backers were forthcoming I might be inclined to consider the matter."

"How about Charlie? Does he think of trying his luck again?"

"No. He was so disgusted last time that I don't think he will tackle it again. He is up at his farm on the Richmond River. There are plenty of good young scullers, but not equal to championship form."

"How about Pearce?"

"No; I don't think so."

"What is your opinion of Fogwell?"

"He is rather light, and a bit young; but he shapes well, and in twelve months might develop into a top-notcher. Arnst ought to stand a very good chance. He is strong, and rows well. I think he should come on splendidly. I don't think the public supports the sport as it should. The trouble is always to secure backers, and expenses. Scullers are not moneyed men as a rule, and it is difficult to take up any challenge or to challenge a champion without financial help. However, I hope it won't be long before we have the championship back again in Australia."

FOGWELL TRAINING.

W. Fogwell, the New South Wales sculler (writes our New Zealand correspondent under Friday's date), will commence training in the course of a day or two, it being his intention to start in the handicap event which is to be rowed on Saturday week. He is 22 years of age, but is in no particular hurry to row for the championship honours. He is credited with being a sculler of promise, and is likely to improve considerably.

LITHGOW WATER SUPPLY.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The water in the new reservoir is 80ft deep, only 7ft 6in below the overflow, and the old reserve 'e, from which the whole supply is being drawn, is 15ft below the overflow.

COMPETENCE OF LABOUR MEMBERS.

MR. JABEZ WRIGHT'S ATTACK.

REJOINDER BY MR. HOLMAN.

The remarks of Mr. Jabez Wright to the Broken Hill Political Labour League after his return from the conference in Sydney were sufficiently condemnatory to warrant a rejoinder from Mr. Holman, M.L.A., deputy leader of the State Labour party.

"It is not quite fair," said he, "to assume from the brief report of Mr. Wright's utterances that he has been quite correctly reported, because there is no doubt that much he has said would read very differently if the full text were before us. But assuming that the statements wired through are to be taken as they stand, I can only say that Mr. Wright is entirely misinformed. Some portions of his comments are very far from fair. In the first place he says that a lot of the members have been rushed into Parliament totally unacquainted with economic conditions and principles. They were totally incapable of grappling with workers' problems. It would be interesting to know the individuals to whom he refers. During last year 12 new men were added to the Labour party. Presumably Mr. Wright refers to them. If he refers to any of the old ones, it is remarkable that he has never found out their shortcomings before. I take it, therefore, that he refers to the new names. It is an absurd and impossible thing to make any canvass of the qualifications of these twelve gentlemen; but it is admitted by both Ministerialists and by other members that their return to the House has enormously strengthened the intellectual and debating strength of the Labour party. I do not think Mr. Wright met any of these new members at the conference, except Mr. Beeby and Mr. Trefle, who took a prominent part in the deliberations of the conference, and I am quite certain that his conception of the new men, based on his experience of these two gentlemen, would not bear out what he said. So much for his first point.

"Now for his second, 'Many members of Parliament were returned on the Labour movement, but were not prepared to work to its ultimate aims, which were of a socialistic order, of an evolutionary, not revolutionary, character.' That is really too vague to reply to. The published words are probably too much condensed to really do justice to Mr. Wright's complaint, but the real aims of our party are summed up in our objective. If Mr. Wright says that any of the members of the Labour party are not prepared to work for the objective he has discovered something which I never heard of before, and I think it would be well for him to say who the individuals are. Pending confirmation of the report I should hesitate to think that Mr. Wright really said that.

"When I believed that the executive designedly arranged matters so that delegates from different parts would not know one another. A suspicion of that kind is of course too ridiculous for words. Nothing is easier than for the smart country delegate to come down boiling over with deep-seated suspicion of what the Sydney 'crowd' has been doing since the last conference. That has been quite a common phenomenon at every conference, but if Mr. Wright had only seen the work done by the executive in preparing and condensing the business paper, so as to put 250 or thereabout undigested proposals from all the branch leagues throughout the State into something like order and give every important suggestion that came in a chance of being considered before the conference ended, he would speak very differently. The conference consists mainly of unpaid delegates, who have to go about their ordinary business day after day, to whom all-night sittings in the conference hall after night is a very great sacrifice, and something has to be done in order to give the business sent in a hope of getting through. Even as it was, several motions had to be discharged from the business paper at the close, but these were mostly of less urgent importance than those dealt with. To suggest that there has been any placing of difficulties in the way of the conference by the executive or anybody else is nonsense. The difficulty arose from the great bulk and variety of the business sent in, and it is a difficulty which has been felt more and more for the last five years. We are gradually introducing the system of sending all matters to grand committees—a system which has unquestionably its defects—but which has the advantage of enabling the work to be done. That system is entirely the creation of the conference itself—it is under the control of the conference itself—and has met with the expressed approval of the delegates repeatedly. Any finding of the kind can be done by the executive; the conference is complete master of its own proceedings, and it is only the common sense of the majority which recognises that the business of the conference must be carried out, and brought to an end somehow at some time.

"Before the election of the executive he urged workers, who were the architects of the party's platform, to alter their decisions and plans of policy, and not to allow a few men to run the league.' Of course that is the perpetual complaint of the man who finds himself in a minority. I can honestly say that nobody could tell the work done between the last conference and the one which closed a couple of weeks ago in order to keep the movement going and to do the business. It is almost incredible to anybody who was not in the centre of things, and had not seen with his own eyes. We have had as much work done by the executive and by others during the last 12 months for an expenditure of, say, £500 as could have been done for ten times that sum if it had been paid for at the market price. There is no political organisation in either England, America, or on the Continent, so far as my reading goes, which can approach ours in that respect. I have carefully studied the organisations of the English Liberal and Conservative parties, and also that of the opposing political parties in New South Wales, so far as one can learn them, and I say unhesitatingly that none of them can get one-fifth work done as we can for the same amount of money. The smallest league in the State can send in a motion to alter the platform, and that motion is dealt with, either directly by the conference or by some committee specially appointed. Nothing can be smothered or kept back. Ours is one of the most democratic organisations in the world. A man like Mr. M'Gowen no doubt carries extra weight, due to his experience and position, but he has no more voting power than the most obscure delegate who comes in from the back blocks.

"Now for Mr. Wright's last point. 'His opinion was that Labour members in Parliament had gone to sleep, and the reason was that the people who elected them had gone to sleep.' I can only say about that that it is impossible to know what it means, unless one can see the grounds upon which Mr. Wright bases his opinion. I don't think Mr. Wade and his colleagues, for instance, think anything of the kind. I do not know enough of Mr. Wright's connection with the movement to know in which group he would be classed, but from the beginning of our movement there has been a group of workers who make sacrifices to do whatever is done, and a group of talkers who find fault with what is done because it is not done better."

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

NOW FIXED FOR APRIL 22.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

An alteration has been made in the date arranged for the opening of the Premiers' Conference in Melbourne. Mr. Wade telegraphed to Mr. Bent to-day stating that he had found it necessary to summon the New South Wales Parliament for a short session on March 10, it would suit him better if the conference were to be opened on April 22 instead of April 6. Mr. Wade added that he had asked the other Premiers to submit direct to Mr. Bent their contributions to the agenda paper. Mr. Bent agreed to the alteration being made.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Premier has informed Mr. Bent that, owing to Parliament being in session, he will probably be unable to attend the conference of Premiers to be held early next month.

THE POLICEMAN'S BEER.

FINE INFLICTED.

At the Parramatta Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, D.S.M., Francis J. Williams was charged with, at Parramatta, on the 11th of February, supplying a child under the age of 14 to the General Bourke Hotel, Parramatta, for the purpose of obtaining liquor. Mr. H. A. Richardson, who appeared for the defendant, said that it was no offence "for the purpose of obtaining liquor." It should have been set out that the liquor was some particular kind of liquor. The child had also been refused service of the liquor. An "obtaining" of liquor must have taken place to complete any such an offence. The Bench overruled the objections, after which defendant pleaded guilty. The D.S.M. said that he would inflict a light penalty, as it was the defendant's first offence. Inspector Gruggen pressed for the extreme penalty, as the defendant was a policeman. Defendant was fined 40s, with 9s costs, and 5s expenses, in default 21 days.

THE DIAMOND MURDER.

A STARTLING COINCIDENCE.

MELBOURNE MURDER RECALLED.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Commissioner of Police states that after the arrest of the man William Anderson, who is charged with attempted murder at Landrowns-terrace, members of the force were struck by the similarity of his appearance with that of a man named William Anderson, who obtained the address of Mr. Bauer, in Melbourne, shortly before the murder of the diamond merchant. The fact that the name was the same, and that the man arrested in Adelaide had come from Melbourne about the time of the murder, also seemed to the Commissioner to be coincidences; and Colonel Madley has communicated with the Victorian police on the subject.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The murder of Mr. Bernard Bauer, diamond merchant, on June 7, was not only the sensation of the year, but was one of the most tragic incidents in the history of Melbourne.

He was alone in his office, on the sixth floor of Modern Chambers, in Collins-street, when someone entered and attacked him with such violence that when he was found a few minutes later life was almost extinct.

The evidence as it was afterwards pieced together pointed conclusively to the fact that someone had committed the murder to gain possession of deceased's valuable diamond stock.

The description of the Adelaide suspect, which has been furnished to the Melbourne detectives by the Adelaide police, answers to that of the William Anderson who is wanted in connection with the Bauer murder to a striking extent. The man who is under arrest at Adelaide is 5ft 10½in in height, of fair freckled complexion, brown hair, auburn moustache, and blue eyes. His age is given as 33 years, and here there is a discrepancy, for the William Anderson who called on Mr. Cutler and inquired for Mr. Bauer's address, is said to be about 45 years of age. Another noteworthy point is that the Adelaide Anderson is described as an Irish-American, with a very pronounced accent, while there was no hint of such in the description which Mr. Cutler gave to the police of his visitor.

From documents in possession of the man who is in custody at Adelaide it is believed that he hails from Canada, although he resolutely declines to say anything about himself or his antecedents. A small amount of American money has been found in his possession. Receipts which have been found by the Adelaide police in possession of their prisoner show that he paid for a bed at the Federal Coffee Palace, Melbourne, on July 2, 1907, and again on July 4, so that if their surmise that he was the man who visited Mr. Cutler be correct Anderson must have stayed in Melbourne for a month after Mr. Bauer had been murdered, or perhaps left the city for a while and returned again. This piece of evidence would suggest that the two men are not identical, but the detective authorities in Melbourne are not disposed to put the matter aside lightly, and the fullest investigation will be made.

THE MAN WHO RAN AMOK.

ANDERSON COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At the Metropolitan Police Court yesterday, William Anderson was charged with having on February 21 attempted to murder Jameela Macnevin. This was in connection with the Landrowns-terrace shooting affray last week. After evidence was given, Anderson was committed for trial.

A FIREMAN KILLED.

HURRYING TO A FIRE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Bendigo Post-office and Telegraph Office was threatened by fire this evening. The outbreak was under control before much damage had been done. Unfortunately the fire was attended by a sad accident, which had a fatal termination. Whilst proceeding to the fire a horse attached to one of the hose carts stumbled and fell. The station-keeper, Arthur Swanwick, who was driving, and a fireman, J. Filbin, were thrown out. Swanwick falling head first on to the roadway. Filbin escaped injury. He picked Swanwick up, placed him on the kerbstone, and rushed after the cart, unaware that his comrade had been seriously hurt. Some civilians removed Swanwick to the hospital, where he died a few hours later from a fracture of the base of the skull. He did not take the precaution of putting on his helmet on leaving for the fire. Swanwick was 50 years of age, and he leaves a widow and six young children.

STAND AND DELIVER!

RACECOURSE HELD UP.

AN EXCITING INCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A sensational incident occurred at the annual race meeting of the Barnawartha Turf Club, which was held to-day. Just before the chief event a man wearing a mask and false beard went to the gatekeepers, Frederick Richardson, and James Daly, and, pointing a revolver at them, demanded the takings.

Richardson resolutely declined to comply, and Daly at once grappled with the would-be robber. They struggled, and fell, and the assailant, rising first to his feet, fired deliberately at Richardson, and then made off. The shot did not strike Richardson, but the report attracted the notice of those on the course, and others arriving, the hue and cry was raised. Three constables and a number of civilians set out after the fugitive. He gained a start of half a mile, and was successful in eluding his pursuers. The police are still searching for the man.

THE HUNTER FLOODS.

LUCERNE CROPS SAVED.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The flood waters continue to drain off the farms slowly along the course of the river, leaving the usual rich deposit of silt, but the Wallis and Fishery creeks the waters are still pent up, in consequence of the outlet being closed by the floodgates. Not until the river falls another couple of feet may the gates be opened. The weather continues dull and showery. The effect will be the saving of much of the lucerne crop, but the sun been shining warmly it would have scalded and destroyed the lucerne. Saving the lucerne crop will greatly diminish the farmers' losses. The Hunter is now down to 19½ feet, and is falling slowly.

DISTURBANCE AT LISMORE.

CITIZEN ARRESTS A ROWDY.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon several rowdies, strangers to the town, created a disturbance in the main street. Constable Biddle arrested one, and took him to the lockup, but two others then assaulted a civilian. Constable Bourgett, in plain clothes, coming up, took the men he was a policeman, and ordered them to desist. One immediately struck him a heavy blow, cutting his face. A private citizen arrested the offender. Eventually a third man was secured, and locked up.

DEATH OF A WOMAN.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

An inquest was held at the Coroner's Court yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Maria Hodges, 37, which occurred at the house of Nurse Schofield, Belmore-street, Surry Hills, on February 17.

Evidence was given to show that on the date mentioned Dr. H. B. Ludlow called at Dr. Warren's chambers, and requested Dr. Warren to accompany him to a very serious case. He went and assisted Dr. Ludlow to perform an operation. Shortly after the operation the patient collapsed, and died within a few hours.

Dr. Sydney Jamieson, who, together with Dr. A. A. Palmer, had performed a post mortem examination, described the injuries of the deceased. He then stated that death was, in his opinion, due to shock and hemorrhage. There were internal injuries, which had been caused by unnecessary force, and pointed to carelessness or unskilful operating.

Dr. Palmer stated that he agreed with Dr. Jamieson in his chief statements.

Nurse Schofield described the circumstances of the operation, but said that she did not see much of the actual work.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

THE MAITLAND MINERS.

MR. MAUGER'S ALLEGATIONS.

DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

For some time past efforts have been made daily by Senator Neild to obtain from Ministers in the Senate an expression of opinion regarding the allegations of the Postmaster-General, Mr. Mauger, on the want of sobriety among the Maitland miners, and to-day Senator Neild moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of debating the matter. He said it was a gross slander passed upon a large body of his constituents by a Minister of the Crown. The Postmaster-General had libelled them in saying that one miner out of every five was a drunkard. There must surely be some limit to a man's right to libel his fellows. He asked for an expression of disapproval from senators. If he (Senator Neild) had said the same thing about the Bendigo miners there would not be enough metal in the streets to pelt him with—but it was only poor New South Wales. He read statements from various officers of police in the Northern district stating that the miners compared very favourably with other classes of workmen for sobriety, and that Mr. Mauger's statement was an exaggeration. Continuing, Senator Neild said that members of the Cabinet had to take some share of responsibility for the utterances of their colleague, and he hoped the Minister would, as far as he could, lift his colleagues out of the unpleasant position of being associated in this matter with a reckless slander.

Senator DE LARGIE (W.A.), as an old New South Wales miner, said he had never lived in a community where there was a larger percentage of steady, sober men than in the Newcastle districts.

Senator MULCAHY (Tas.): Mr. Mauger was intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he regretted that Senator Neild had brought the matter before the Chamber. If every private expression of opinion was to be the subject of debate in Parliament much time would be taken up in an unprofitable way.

Senator HENDERSON (W.A.): You have to remember that this is a Minister of the Crown.

Senator BEST: There must be some distinction between the discharge of Ministerial duties and the expression of opinion in regard thereto and the mere private expression of opinion of an individual. He was at a disadvantage, as many other senators were, in not being certain of the accuracy of the statement as recorded in the press.

Senator TURLEY (Q.): The statement was repeated here.

Senator BEST said that might be so, but Ministers did not devote their attention to the private opinions of their colleagues. He had had the privilege of knowing miners himself, and they were entitled to the most generous consideration, not to be classed among our class of inferior citizens. He asked senators to dispassionately consider whether this was not a personal matter as between the Postmaster-General himself in regard to a private expression of opinion and the miners themselves. It was not in his capacity as Postmaster-General that Mr. Mauger had made the statement. (Cries of "Oh!").

Senator MULCAHY: It was made on a public occasion.

Senator BEST: No, it was on the occasion of a temperance gathering.

Senator TURLEY: At which there was intemperate language.

Senator MILLEN (N.S.W.) said it was not Mr. Mauger, one of Melbourne's citizens, who was the guest of a large number of people in Maitland district—it was the Postmaster-General. Further, when this same individual was announced to speak in Sydney it was not merely Mr. Mauger who was billed, but "Mr. Mauger, P.M.G." That was only one of the records and it would be easily seen that there would not be nearly enough police to take in hand the perfect deluge of intemperance discovered by Mr. Mauger. The miners of New South Wales feared comparison with no other body of men in the world. It was a breach of hospitality. If Mr. Mauger had found that he was wrong he should have withdrawn. Failing that, he should give the source of his information.

Senator HENDERSON said Mr. Mauger should apologise, not only to the Newcastle miners, but the whole of the Commonwealth, for having, in an intoxicated moment, made such exaggerated statements. If Mr. Mauger had not been intoxicated by the position he occupied he would not have been led away as he was.

Senator GRAY (N.S.W.) said he felt sure that Mr. Mauger would regret the statement he had made.

At the conclusion of the debate the motion was formally withdrawn.

THE DANYSZ VIRUS.

THROWING MONEY INTO THE OCEAN.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Dr. Norris, chairman of the Victorian Board of Health, reported to the board to-day the conclusions arrived at by the conference regarding the Danysz virus. Mr. Smith said there was no reason whatever why these experiments should not be encouraged. The plague of rats and mice in Europe was nothing compared with the rabbit pest here. Unless some means of coping with the evil were found—such as a virus—it would be a "toss up" whether the rabbits would not monopolise a big part of Australia in the near future. They might as well draw a line with a piece of chalk or put up a rabbit-proof fence. Rabbits were taken up by hawks and dropped on the other side. Then they bred.

Dr. Norris: Although we raised no positive objection to further experiments, our opinion was that it would be equivalent to throwing money into the ocean.

COLLISION OF SKIPS.

CAUSES INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

At the Ivanhoe coal mine at Piper's Flat on Saturday one of the wheelers drew a rake of loaded skips out of the mine, and allowed them to collide with others standing on the brow of the incline. The stationary skips got away, crashing into those attached to the rope. Several skips were smashed, and some time was lost in getting into working order again. The person to whom blame was attached was discharged. In consequence the mine manager received an intimation from the miners that unless the man was reinstated they would decline to work on Tuesday. A temporary agreement has been arrived at, and matters in the dispute will be brought before the Arbitration Court.

BRITISH PREFERENCE IN PRACTICE.

GERMAN TENDER PASSED OVER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Postal Department, in accordance with the policy of giving preference to British manufacturers, accepted the tender to-day of an English firm for the delivery of telephone wire in Western Australia. A German tender was slightly lower than the price asked by the British firm.

BROKEN HILL UNEMPLOYED.

A REQUEST FOR STATE AID.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The City Council last night carried a motion, in view of the large number of unemployed, to ask the Government to grant a sum of money for public works—the extension of the tram service. Alderman Marks stated that about 1500 men were out of work. Alderman Harry said the unemployed were victims of a huge swindle—the outcome of the present industrial system.

EPIDEMIC OF BROKEN ARMS.

PROTEST AGAINST GYMNASIUM.

Yesterday a letter from the headmaster of the Cleveland-street Superior Public school was read to the health committee of the City Council, asking that the gymnasium recently provided in Prince Alfred Park should be removed at once.

He stated that three of his pupils had received fractured arms through patronising it.

Alderman Meagher said that throughout the world the tendency was to provide similar means of relaxation in the parks, and it was rather antediluvian to make a request such as that contained in the letter before them.

It was explained that an officer of the council was in attendance always when the gymnasium was being used. The letter was simply received.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

VICTORIA'S AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

IRRIGATION AND SMALL AREAS.

Victoria has already achieved a great deal in the way of settling people on the land under closer settlement conditions, and a big programme for making still further large areas available for the small man is in progress of development.

Just now the acquisition of private estates for subdivision purposes is practically at a standstill, owing to the inflated values placed upon land. Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture, last night said the Government had purchased a few thousands of acres under the Small Holdings Act, which empowers the Government to give a man £300 worth of land, carry out improvements to the extent of £200, and pay him £1 a week for the first six months of his occupancy, 15s a week for the second six months, and 10s a week for the next six months. The system enables the Government to take a man who has nothing and set him and his family up in business in a small way. All this land is adjacent to towns, so that the holdings will become small agricultural blocks run by the families of men who obtain casual work in the district. Already 280 families have been put on the land under these conditions. For the 280 blocks offered there were 3000 applications. Many of them were not cut out for farmers, but the great bulk of them were hard-working men with some agricultural experience, who were likely to do well. Land for the purposes of the Act has been acquired at from £10 to £25 an acre, so the holdings are necessarily small when the limit of their value is £200.

About 50-acre blocks will be the average in these settlements, and settlers will be induced to dairy and grow fodder in preference to going in for fruit. Altogether, when the present scheme is worked to completion, Victoria should have land sufficient to meet her closer settlement requirements for a long time to come.

CARGO PILLAGING.

NOTORIOUS IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

In the Supreme Court at Christchurch, Alfred Turner, Charles Holland, and Frederick Lawrence, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for pillaging cargo at Lyttelton. Judge Denniston said the extent to which pillaging was carried on in the Dominion was notorious. No large steamer reached a New Zealand port without pillage occurring.

PLUCKY BOY.

SAVES A COMPANION.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

A lad named Stynes was rescued from drowning by a boy named George Parker. Stynes was swimming in the dam, and became exhausted. Parker immediately came to the rescue, and brought the drowning lad safely to the bank.

ANOTHER BROKEN HILL FATALITY

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Another fatality occurred on the Proprietary mine this afternoon. Four men, including Geo. E. Parnell, single, aged 22, were engaged shovelling slimes from a dump, when a run occurred, and Parnell was caught underneath about 10 tons of stuff. He was at once dug out, but it took seven or eight minutes, and by that time he was smothered. Parnell's mate, John Cliff, had a narrow escape. This is the tenth mining fatality in Broken Hill this year.

BARRIER SENIOR CADETS.

DISCOURAGING TREATMENT.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Lieutenant Johnston, senior officer in command of the senior cadets in Broken Hill, who left to-night for Port Pirie, was bidden farewell at the Free Masons Hotel by his brother officers and a few friends and lads of the cadet force. Major Blumer took the opportunity of saying that the senior cadets of Broken Hill had not been treated as they should. They certainly should have their uniforms and a resident staff instructor. If the Defence Department was anxious to kill the cadet movement here it was certainly going the right way to do so.

EXTRAORDINARY DIVORCE CASE.

FAMILIES' AMALGAMATION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

What Mr. Justice Hood described as the most extraordinary divorce case he had ever handled was heard by him at

wicket was down for 21, Hobbs's share being the unlucky 13. Saunders had his first wicket for 15.

To Macartney, at 26, Gunn played all over one, the ball going on its course and hitting the leg stump. Gunn had failed to score. The fall of this wicket was not due to the bad pitch, nor was the next.

Hutchings came and the first ball of Macartney's fourth over was a slow yorker, to which Hutchings was late in his timing, and his off stump was bowled over. Macartney had secured his second wicket for six runs. Hardstaff's first scoring stroke was an uppish hit over point's head. It was evident, however, that he was in pain when making his stroke. At 4 o'clock adjournment the total was 41—Fane 22 and Hardstaff 3. Macartney had sent down 8 overs, 4 maidens, 8 runs, 2 wickets.

FOUR FOR 51.

On resuming, Saunders and Armstrong bowled. The former was well hit by Hardstaff to the boundary in front of the ladies' pavilion, and a single brought Fane facing Saunders, who was cover-hit for three. Hobbs, standing behind Hardstaff, robbed his side of three leg-byes, the ball caroming from the Notts man's leg to the Surrey professional's back. The half-century was hoisted after 1 hour 17 minutes' play. At 51 Hardstaff turned to pull a short one from Saunders, and he played the ball on to his pad and thence into his wicket. He was in 31 minutes for eight, and the fourth wicket was down for 51.

Armstrong kept to so accurate a spot that six overs produced no more than a brace, which was got in the fourth over, and on a couple of occasions he beat and almost bowled Braund. Saunders also had the Somerset man in difficulties. The former was spinning the ball a lot from leg, and presently he tossed one a little further up, which coaxed Braund to have a hit. The ball turned quickly, and was edged into the hands of Noble at point, who took the catch prettily, and in the same act he sent the ball to Trumper. The fifth wicket was down for 57. The wicket was now "biting" more than at any time during the day, at any rate, at the southern end. Fane, considering everything, was batting very well indeed.

RINGING THE CHANGES.

Saunders had secured his third wicket for 21. A change was made at the opposite end, Armstrong had sent down ten overs, of which six were maidens, and nine runs had been registered against him; still maiden overs will not get a side out, so he made way for Macartney, while at the northern end O'Connor was brought on in place of Saunders, whose three victims had now cost 40.

Fane, who had been two hours getting well into the thirties, now began to improve in his timing, and made some good drives off Macartney, one stroke a drive past point to the track being a particularly fine effort.

FANE BOWLED WITH A TRIMMER.

The Australian captain was, however, eager upon ringing the changes in his attack, and now he came on in place of Macartney, two for 19, and with his second ball he bowled Fane with a beauty. The Essex amateur played half forward, the break beating the bat, and the leg ball was then beautifully lifted off the stumps. Fane was in two and a quarter hours for 46, a capital innings in the circumstances. He should have been out first ball, but after that, though sometimes beaten, as who would not be on the wicket, he batted patiently and soundly, meeting the ball with a firm full face of the bat. His 46 were obtained out of 87 on the board, and just before dismissal he was developing a freedom of style and an accuracy of stroke which was commanding admiration. Noble had secured his first wicket for six, and there were six out. Four wickets to fall, and 191 required, and wickets falling fast, was the dismal aspect of the game as Young entered into partnership with Rhodes, who was now 14. Young's peculiar style stunned the crowd. He was humorous unwittingly.

"LOOK AT THE SUN."

There was a strangely changing light. It was dark one moment, the next the playing area, or three parts of it, was lighted up by a bright sun creeping over the grandstand. Young did not appreciate this, so he asked the Australian captain didn't he think play should be adjourned, but just then the sun shone, and Noble pointed to his solar majesty as his answer. And Young ranked back to the crease. It at once became dark, and the play onwards was punctuated with appeals. At length the umpires held a conference, the result of which was not in accordance with the wishes of the batsmen.

Various changes were made in the bowling, but to no purpose. Rhodes reached 22 with a substantial leg-hit off Armstrong to the boundary. At 6 o'clock the total was 117, Rhodes being 32, and Young 9. The innings has so far lasted 2h 47m, and the Yorkshireman's occupation of the wickets has extended over 1h 7m.

162 REQUIRED.

As the game now stands the English team require 162 to win, and 9h, and four wickets in hand. The men upon whose shoulders now rests the responsibility of dragging the match out of the fire are Rhodes, Young, Jones, Crawford, and Barnes. If the runs are got it will be a magnificent performance when the bowling of Barnes with the pitch, it should be in capital order to-day. The visitors may rise to the occasion, and a great finish witnessed.

The Englishmen yesterday had no worse a wicket than had the home team the previous day. Their batting was a disappointment. The failure cannot be attributed to the weather conditions. Hobbs and Braund are the only two out of the six whose retirement was brought about by the wicket.

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Macartney, c Crawford, b Barnes	1
Noble, b Barnes	35
O'Connor, c Young, b Crawford	6
Gregory, c and b Barnes	44
Hill, c Hutchings, b Barnes	32
Armstrong, c and b Crawford	3
Trumper, c Jones, b Barnes	19
Hartigan, c Gunn, b Barnes	31
Eartigan, c and b Crawford	1
Carter, not out	2
Saunders, c Young, b Barnes	0
Sundries	10
Total	187

Fall of Wickets.—One for 10, two for 46, three for 86, four for 64, five for 72, six for 94, seven for 124, eight for 129, nine for 137, ten for 187.

Bowling.—Barnes, 40 overs, 7 maidens, 90 runs; Crawford, 19 overs, 1 maiden, for 52; Rhodes, none for 15.

Bowling Analysis.—Rhodes, 10 overs, 5 maidens, 15 runs; Barnes, 22.4 overs, 6 maidens, 60 runs, 7 wickets; Crawford, 18 overs, 4 maidens, 52 runs, 3 wickets.

Second Innings.

O'Connor, b Barnes	6
Noble, lbw, b Rhodes	34
Gregory, b Crawford	56
Trumper, c Gunn, b Rhodes	108
Macartney, c Jones, b Crawford	11
Hill, c Young, b Crawford	44
Armstrong, c Gunn, b Crawford	33
Ransford, not out	22
Hartigan, b Crawford	5
Carter, c Hobbs, b Rhodes	22
Saunders, c Young, b Rhodes	0
Sundries	24
Total	422

Fall of Wickets.—1—25, 2—56, 3—186, 4—192, 5—300, 6—342, 7—372, 8—387, 9—387, 10—422.

Bowling Analysis.—Barnes, 57 overs, 6 maidens, 78 runs, 1 wicket; Crawford, 56 overs, 10 maidens, 141 runs, 5 wickets; Rhodes, 37.4 overs, 7 maidens, 102 runs, 4 wickets; Braund, 20 overs, 3 maidens, 64 runs; 0 wickets; Hobbs, 7 overs, 1 maidens, 13 runs, 0 wickets.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Fane, b Noble	0
Hobbs, b Saunders	72
Gunn, not out	125
Hutchings, run out	13
Hardstaff, c O'Connor, b Saunders	17
Crawford, c Hill, b Saunders	6
Braund, st Carter, b Macartney	31
Rhodes, c Noble, b Armstrong	10
Young, st Carter, b Macartney	0
Jones, b Macartney	1
Barnes, run out	9
Sundries	5
Total	281

Fall of Wickets.—1—0, 2—135, 3—168, 4—189, 5—197, 6—245, 7—264, 8—271, 9—271, 10—281.

Bowling.—Noble, 28 overs, 6 maidens, 62 runs, 1 wicket; Saunders, 35 overs, 5 maidens, 114 runs, 3 wickets; Macartney, 27 overs, 6 maidens, 57 runs, 3 wickets; Macartney, 15.1 overs, 3 maidens, 44 runs, 3 wickets; Armstrong, 12 overs, 2 maidens, 29 runs, 1 wicket.

Second Innings.

Fane, b Noble	46
Hobbs, c Gregory, b Saunders	18
Gunn, b Macartney	0
Hutchings, b Macartney	8
Hardstaff, b Saunders	3
Braund, c Noble, b Saunders	0
Rhodes, not out	22
Young, not out	9
Sundries	7
Six wickets for	117

Fall of Wickets.—1—21, 2—26, 3—30, 4—51, 5—57, 6—87.

Bowling: Noble, one wicket for 21 runs; Saunders, three for 44; Macartney, two for 19; Armstrong, none for 16; O'Connor, none for 10.

ENGLAND V SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The match between England and South Australia has been postponed until Monday, owing to the duration of the test match.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Anent your report on the test match, I wish to ask you, Sir, who are the pioneers of those "tactics"? You would lead Australasia to believe them to be the patent of the English team only. Ask Darling and Co. what "tactics" they adopted in 1902, playing against the Gentlemen of the South of England, when certain defeat was staring them in the face. What about stopping the game in the second test match, played at Melbourne, when England, wanting only about a dozen runs to win, with the last man in, and you stop the game for drinks!

I am, etc., ENGLISH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In watching the tactics introduced in the cricket match yesterday by the English team, which I hope is unique in the annals of test matches, I felt utterly ashamed. Having resided in England for more than half a century, yesterday was the only time in my life that I felt inclined to hide my face and not to own I was an Englishman. From one's earliest school days one is taught in all sports to play the game, and not try to take a mean advantage over one's opponent. The last man that came in, who was probably acting under orders, deliberately allowed his wicket to be taken, whilst he slowly walked towards it. Gunn was the only one amongst the last four who played the game. He played a good, sound, brilliant game, that was a pleasure to watch. Of course, it was easy to discover the object of these tactics, and it looked quite ridiculous to see the superfluous energy and smartness displayed by the English team in their endeavour to get some of the Australians out on a bad wicket. How much better it would have been if all the smartness had been used in at least one of the other matches! As a great contrast to this, the dignified and true sportsmanlike manner in which the Australian captain, whilst losing no time, put himself in first on this bad wicket, and with another good man, during about the half an hour that was left, kept the wickets up, and made 18 runs without loss, was a great pleasure to witness.

I am, etc., ENGLISHMAN.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TEN YEARS' HARD LABOUR.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Yesterday, Mr. Justice Gordon sentenced the Indian coolie Abdullah, found guilty of the manslaughter of Arzad Neah, a coolie, of the steamer Kishi, to 10 years' imprisonment, with hard labour.

NEW ZEALAND.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAPES.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

A consignment of South Australian grapes brought 6½d to 9½d per lb at lavercargill.

The new Christchurch theatre was formally opened last night by Mr. J. C. Williamson's Blue Moon Company. Mr. Williamson's representatives, Messrs. Stewart and Bracy, state that no theatre in Australia can give the new one points.

TASMANIA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The eighth annual congress of the National Council of Women of Tasmania was opened this morning. Mrs. Harry Dobson presided. Among those present were Mesdames Charles Young and Edward Bage (Victorian delegates), Mrs. Hailey (also of Victoria), and Mrs. Molyneaux Parkes (New South Wales). Mrs. Dobson was appointed delegate to the annual gathering of the Women's Institute of Victoria. She also read an address on "Housewifery Schools," and described the movement in New South Wales in the direction of establishing such institutes. Several other papers were read and briefly discussed. The congress continues to-morrow.

THE MARANOA'S STRANDING.

EVIDENCE OF THE CAPTAIN.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Inspector-Captain Forrester commenced an inquiry into the stranding of the steamer Maranoa on Chapman Island on February 4.

Captain Robert A. Sharland, master of the Maranoa, deposed that the vessel left Thursday Island at 7 a.m. on February 4 for Cooktown in consequence of the Torres Straits pilot's illness, he was without a pilot. He had no pilot on the northern trip, and received instructions from the agent at Cooktown to proceed without one. At 8.53 p.m. on the 4th he rung stand by, and went to bed to anchor at 7 a.m. His idea was to anchor off Cape Direction, which he had well in sight; but on reaching the cape he saw the land plainly, and he decided to go as much further as he could, so as to get past the Howicks before dark on the following night, and before the weather could come in thick from the south-east. The intended proceeding only was six miles southward of Chapman Island before anchoring. He altered the course to what he thought would take him well clear of Chapman Island, and the reef south of it. At 10.2 he altered his course so as to give Chapman Island a wide berth, and went at full speed, being sure of his position. At 10.4 the ship grounded with a sliding motion, and without a bump. The sea was quite smooth. It was nearly high water at the time, and this made Chapman Island look further off than it was. He reckoned that he was two miles off Chapman Island when he first saw it. He attributed the vessel's grounding to going at a reduced speed, the current thus being able to set the vessel half a mile to the eastward of his course. He reduced the speed of the vessel so as to make the land cautiously. His reason for not anchoring in the strait was that the Maranoa was a mail steamer, and he wanted to adhere to the time-table.

SUSPECTED SUICIDE

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A sensational death occurred shortly after midnight on Saturday, which is supposed to be a case of suicide. John Thomas Moss, a fossicker residing at Stuart Town, has a daughter in domestic service at Wellington, and, accompanied by a younger daughter, he went to where the girl is employed at about 12.30 a.m., and said he wanted her to go home, as her mother had been bitten by a snake. The other girl denied this, and he then asked the elder girl to go down to the bridge with him, as he wanted to write a letter there. She took him inside, but he left the room for a short while, and on returning put a hand on the shoulder of each of the girls, and said: "I am going, good-bye." He then fell back, and died within two or three minutes.

Dr. Linton held a post-mortem examination, but could find nothing to show the cause of death. There was a small empty bottle in deceased's pocket, and it is suspected that it contained cyanide of potassium, which he took from the left the room. An inquest is to be held.

FLOUR MILLERS IN COMPETITION

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It is stated that the flour millers in Tasmania are complaining of being undersold by Victorians, who are selling at £10 a ton on the mainland, and are prepared to charge £8 10s in Tasmania. The question is being raised in connection with the matter whether the anti-dumping provisions of the Industries Preservation Act cannot be enforced.

CASUALTIES.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY.

About 6 o'clock last evening William Wallace, 23, living in George-street, Erskineville, was feeding a loom machine at Hoskins's iron foundry, Wattle-street, when his left arm was dragged under the rollers. The limb and side of the body were severely lacerated. He was conveyed by the Civil Ambulance to Prince Alfred Hospital and admitted.

LITLE BOY DROWNED.

John James Bishop, 3, living in Kogarah, was playing with his little brother near the adjacent waterhole, when his hat blew into the water. In trying to recover it he fell in and sank. His brother informed some neighbours, and after a man named Griffiths had dived without result, John Mullaby fished out the body with a pole. Efforts to restore animation proved fruitless, and life was medically pronounced extinct.

SCHOOLBOYS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Two schoolboys met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon outside the Central Public School ground. A jinker was being removed, and a number of boys jumped on to the triangle for a ride. Two of them, William James, 7 years, and Isaac Levy, 8, fell off, one of the wheels passing over them. James sustained a torn leg and bruised chest, and Levy a broken thigh and bruised arm. Both boys were taken to the hospital.

A FISHERMAN DROWNED.

HOBART, Wednesday.

This morning the body of an elderly man was found in the water at Long Beach harbour, and conveyed to the city Morgue, where it was identified as that of George Jones, a fisherman, who resided at Dunally. Deceased is said to have been between 55 and 60 years of age. About a fortnight ago Jones was rescued from drowning at Eaglehawk Neck. He was out sailing with a young man named Dorman. The boat capsized, and Dorman was drowned.

BURRAGA, Wednesday.

While driving to the local hospital, Dr. Grieves and his two sons were thrown from the trap, owing to the horse falling. The youngest boy, aged 6, had his thigh broken, but the others escaped uninjured.

EDUCATION.

UNCLASSIFIED TEACHERS' INCREASES.

Unclassified teachers under the new scheme of salaries have received an increase from £72 to £84 in the first year, and £96 in the second. After one year's satisfactory service they will be paid £12 more than this rate, where residences are not provided. By the last report of the Minister for Public Instruction there were in the State 965 teachers unclassified, but certificated for small schools. Many of these have been some time in the service without obtaining classification. As there is, besides the increase above-mentioned, a provision that married teachers after three years' service will receive £132 a year and an allowance for rent, several unclassified teachers of three years and over have inquired whether they are entitled to this extra salary. The Under-Secretary's reply is that they are not. The £132 a year with rent is for those only who obtain a certificate. Provision is made for their obtaining a certificate in three years, and their further promotion will be dependent on their own efforts. It has often been remarked that a teacher may be 15 or 20 years in the service and still be receiving very little, if any, more than when he commenced. This is still possible to the man who does not improve himself as a practical teacher, and also, period by period, as examinations come round, does not obtain higher certificates.

TEACHERS AND CERTIFICATES.

Persons who enter the service of the department as teachers without at least one year's training in the training college shall be eligible after two years' service to attend examination for 3C classification; and, upon being classified 3C, may qualify for promotion by satisfying the conditions as to attainments and efficiency stated in the regulations governing examination and promotion of teachers. These regulations require that the teacher shall be promoted one grade at a time at intervals of four years if he has qualified for such higher grade by examination. If not qualified by examination, he may be promoted on good service after six years. Previous regulations gave three years, five in case of first class—1B to 1A.

By examination, therefore, a teacher untrained will now with the best obtainable promotion proceed as follows:—Three years' service, 3C certificate; after four years more, 3B; four more, 3A; four more, 2B; four more, 2A; four more, 1B; six more (good service promotion only possible), 1A—total, 29 years. By entering training it is possible for a teacher to secure a 2A certificate in two years. Above that grade there is but one examination to pass—that for a 1B certificate. Pupil teachers who failed to obtain scholarships or enter the training college, though they have completed three and four years' pupil-teachership, come under the head of untrained teachers.

Untrained teachers may, however, obtain their certificates without receiving actual promotion. The 3C man may go up for examination every year, and provided that he completes all subjects required and secures the necessary percentage of marks, will be awarded examination certificate accordingly. Thus he may go from no certificate to 3C in three years, 3B in one more, 3A one more, 2B one more, 2A one more, 1B one more; total, eight years. He will then have completed all his examinations, and will be able "to do nothing but teach"—and await the passing of the years. There is practically now no restriction upon teachers fitting themselves at examination for higher certificates.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Tarrant having been appointed as first assistant to Hay S.P.S., the Assistants' Association has lost its president. Mr. Radford also, owing to preparation for examination, has been compelled to relinquish the honorary secretaryship, which has been taken up by Mr. W. Speirs, first assistant at Balmain S.P.S.

NEW SCHOOL AT LONG BAY.

The small school at Long Bay is receiving attention. It is at present conducted in a vacant building forming portion of a hall. The Long Bay school comes under the class of one-teacher schools, and it offers special opportunity close to the metropolis of being used as a preparatory training school for those teachers who are being frequently enlisted into the service to take charge of the small country schools. It is understood that when the new buildings are complete arrangements will be made for specially conducting the Long Bay Public school as a model small school. At present the teachers requiring preparation are sent for such to various large metropolitan schools.

DEPARTMENTAL BLACK-MAILING.

DISORGANISED TELEGRAPH WORK.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

Last night the municipal council carried a resolution protesting against the lax and unwarrantable manner in which the telegraphic business in the town and State was carried out. It was decided to make representations to the Postmaster-General, Mr. Mauger, and Sir W. Lyne.

The Mayor said it was an impossibility to do business now by wire. A man to get a message through had to pay urgent rates, and this was nothing short of departmental blackmailing.

BROKEN HILL BUTCHERS.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The position in the butchering trade remains unaltered. The master butchers have again written, refusing to meet the demands of the men, who will decide on the course of action at a special meeting to-night. The masters say they will not move until after the Arbitration Court has given its award.

ENGLISH FOOTBALLERS.

NEW SOUTH WALES FIXTURES.

Following is a list of the matches that will be played by the team of English footballers which is to sail this week:—

Aug. 8, v New South Wales, at Sydney.
Aug. 12, v Northern Branch, at Newcastle.
Aug. 15, v New South Wales, at Sydney.
Aug. 19, v Western Branch, at Bathurst.
Aug. 22, v Metropolitan Union, at Sydney.

FIRE AT PYRMONT.

About 10 o'clock last night a fire broke out at the Austral timber yard, next McKenzie's, in Abattoir-road, Pyrmont. One hydrant, however, sufficed to extinguish the flames, and the "stop" was signalled in a few minutes. The fire originated in the engine-house. This building, a two-storied one, was damaged by fire, and the roof by cutting away to get at the blaze. A stack of timber near was also damaged. The premises were insured in the New Zealand Insurance Company.

"THE BULLDOG BREED."

Last night, at Wood's Hotel, George-street West, there was a meeting of bulldog fanciers, whose object was the foundation of a club for that breed in this State. Mr. A. W. Wilkins presided. On the motion of Mr. A. A. Armstrong it was decided that the club be formed, and that its title be "The Bulldog Club of New South Wales." The subscription was fixed at one guinea a year. The following sub-committee was appointed to draw up rules and regulations:—Messrs. Wilkins, Barron, M'William, Hoskins, Perkins, Hickey, and May. Mr. Wilkins was appointed acting hon. treasurer, and Mr. Macnamara hon. secretary.

SAVINGS BANK VAGARIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A new annoyance in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank is becoming very pronounced. When one wishes to withdraw money the latest joke of the "serving expert" is to question the signature of the depositor. The result is a most embarrassing cross-examination at the local office, in full view and hearing of the general public, and a search for some person who can identify the withdrawer, and whom the gentleman behind the counter condescends to know. By the time this is all complete the unhappy victim feels as if he had been guilty of some awful offence in defrauding his own money. When this is done to one who has weekly dealings, and whose signature has been so dozens of times through the office, it seems to be unnecessarily officious. Another delicate touch of humour is to pay fairly large amounts in small money.

I am, etc., DISGUSTED.

SMOKING ON TRAMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—May I bring before the notice of the authorities the annoyance caused to ladies and non-smokers by persons smoking on and in non-smoking tramcars. Surely it is enough for smokers to have half the tram set apart for them—which, in my opinion, is more than they are entitled to—without wanting the other half. The trouble is largely caused by the smoking car being changed so much; sometimes it is in front, and sometimes at the back. It would be far better to revert to the old system of having the ends only for smoking. A want of firmness is often shown by the conductors in allowing smoking where it is prohibited.

I am, etc., TRAM TRAVELLER.

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THE TARIFF IN THE SENATE

OILS ON THE TROUBLED WATERS.

THE "OCTOPUS WITH THE MILLIONS."

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A Senator remarked sarcastically last week that it was a good idea of the Government to call the Senate together at 11 o'clock in the mornings, as it gave time for preliminaries to be disposed of, and the tariff could be gone on with in the afternoon. To-day an hour and a half was taken up with a motion for adjournment to enable Mr. Mauger to have the benefit of some uncomplimentary remarks about his allegations of want of sobriety on the part of the West Maitland miners, after which the consideration of oils, paint, and varnishes was commenced. Senator Millen, the leader of the Opposition, commenced with an attack on the 40 per cent. duty on blackings and pastes. It was followed by an attack on graphite; but no impression was made until the items "bronzing and metal powders" was reached, and a request was carried that it should be free. This was carried against the Government by 17 votes to 9.

The other side then scored with a request for the inclusion of the double-barrel duty provision in regard to tallow. Motions were carried that greases, including axle grease and tallow, unrefined, in packages not exceeding 4lb in weight, 4s per cwt, should also be subject to 15 per cent. ad valorem duty, whichever returned the highest; and in packages exceeding that weight, 2s per cwt., to 10 per cent. Motions to have the duties struck out and limitations as to packages removed were unsuccessful. Oils in vessels not exceeding one gallon, passed unscathed. A new sub-item touching linseed oil was agreed to in the sections dealing with oils in vessels exceeding one gallon, namely, linseed when denatured, as prescribed by departmental by-laws, provided that, in the opinion of the Minister, sufficient linseed oil for manufacturing purposes is not produced in Australia, free.

The Standard Oil Trust was largely in evidence in the evening's debate on the duty of 3½d per gallon on mineral lubricating oil, 3d preferential. Senator Stewart moved for a request for 6d a gallon. Senator M'Gregor stated that the Commonwealth Oil Company was prepared to give a guarantee that the prices would not be raised, but Senator Millen questioned whether such a guarantee could be given with any certainty of its being adhered to. He wanted to see it with the legal seal affixed. Senators were actively canvassed by the lobbyists during the day, and Senator De Largie said that every member had been given a promise that there would be no increase in the cost to consumers. "If it's under the seal of the company I'll be satisfied," said Senator Millen; "it's easy to make this promise, which may or may not have been approved by the directors." The main contribution of those who were against the duty being raised was in regard to the bearing it would have on mining—a primary industry which was to pay for the support of another primary industry. Senator Stewart affirmed that the Standard Oil octopus was prepared to spend millions in exterminating competition, and the Commonwealth Oil Company should be given the help that it wanted. He asked did senators want the industries of the country to be at the mercy of the Standard Oil Trust? After a long debate, Senator Stewart, finding that numbers were against him, withdrew his proposal; and Senator De Largie moved for a request that the duties of 4d per gallon and 2½d preferential should come into operation on dates to be fixed by proclamation to be issued on the joint address of both Houses of Parliament, stating that the manufacture of the oil was sufficiently established in the Commonwealth.

The motion was carried by 16 votes to 11.

The following sub-section will be the subject of a request to make it read as follows:—Mineral oils, being naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol, turpentine, substitutes and all petroleum spirit under .730 gravity.

The peculiar methods of the Government were illustrated in the addition regarding petroleum spirit. Senator Stewart, who is a member of the Labour party, with a generally severe opinion of the Government, moved it. Senator Millen asked him to explain the technicalities of it. Senator Stewart was not able. The Minister for Home Affairs told senators what it meant, and the Opposition took measures to know why the Government had not moved their own proposal instead of "putting up" a Labour senator.

Three requests for the duty to be raised from 3d per gallon to 3d. 2d, and 1d respectively were negatived. Consideration of the item was not concluded when progress was reported.

AMUSEMENTS.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

Miss Alice Bryant gave the third organ recital of her brief series at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, when she opened with a "modern classic" of the organ repertoire. This was the "Sonata in D Minor," by Alphonse Mailly, at one time organist to the king of the Belgians, and one of the artists under whom our first city organist (Chevalier Wiegand) studied. The work as a whole is not nearly as impressive as the Sonata in C Minor, rendered at a Miss Bryant's last matinee, but it is characterised by a sweet and winning andante. The reed-combinations at the end hereof charmed the general ear. The third movement at first proved lighter in character than is customary in works of this class, but the development was scholarly and ingenious, and enabled the player to exhibit the diapason executive facility. The rapid fingering being wonderfully brilliant. Mailly terminates this brawura movement with three imposing chords by which the dignity of the sonata form was resurrected. Miss Bryant was warmly applauded for this bright effort, and she then rendered Guilmant's piquant "Cantilena Pastorale," the Bach "Fugue in G Minor," and pieces by Wolstenholme, Grison, Batiste, Spinney, and Beeckel, closing with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

MR. G. F. LENNON'S FAREWELL.

Mr. George F. Lennon, winner of the executionary championship of Australasia, made his last appearance at St. James's Hall, where the function was announced as "prior to his departure for Europe." During the past week, however, through the influence of Mr. A. B. Piddin, under whom he studied, the young artist has received offers to settle in Perth with an assured connection, and it is probable that he will change his plans, and disembark at the Western Australian capital instead of at Naples. A capital song and a deep voice Mr. Lennon would make headway in any city. Last evening he was particularly happy in the humorous character-sketch, "The Irish Recruit," and in the more serious encore piece, "The Game of Life," which shows how at last "the spades will finish up the game, and dig the players' grave." Mr. Lennon was also enthusiastically applauded for "The Dream of Eugene Aram," in the latter part of which the ex-necessarian of the murder, and the shuddering agony of the murderer, were dramatically brought home to the audience. The encore was "The Hindoo's Paradise," and at the end of the evening Mr. Lennon recited in costume with many vivid touches Macthlas's part in the Court scene from "The Bells." A well-varied programme was completed by contributions from Miss Rebe Stevens, Miss Lizzie Mellor, and Signor Janno, a young contralto whose charm of voice would justify more serious study, Mr. G. Marsh Little, and Mr. Sid Shipway. Miss Lizzie Mellor was the accompanist of the entertainment, which was directed by Mr. A. Bertram Fiohn.

"EAST LYNNE" AT THE STANDARD.

"East Lynne" appears from time to time in varied forms, with an elaborate railway accident tableau and notable villainess, Isabelle Bulfont and Lady Isabel, that comic custodian of law and order. None the less, in whatever guise it is brought forward, the "sweetly drama annual" is entertaining, and of such was the case with "The New East Lynne" at the Royal Standard Theatre last night. Miss Rowland Challis organised the performance new in quarters in order to give a public trial to the "Theatre Dramatic Club," and there were some juvenile ballets and choral numbers which suitably relieved the pathos of the story, and some "mild" histrionic work by Miss Weir, Mr. Weir, Miss Challis herself, who has a graceful stage presence, was somewhat colourless as Lady Isabel, but delivered her lines with care and clearness, and the young people of the club made a beginning upon which they should not find it difficult to improve as time goes on. There was a plentiful scarcity of programmes, the most diligent inquiry failing either to discover any or kindle the least spark of ambition in the various amateur ushers to supply the want. "East Lynne" will be repeated to-night.

PROGRESS AT NORTH SYDNEY.

ITS FINANCIAL POSITION.

At Tuesday's meeting of the North Sydney Council, the Mayor (Alderman J. Carter) submitted his annual review of the year's work. The progress of the municipality, he said, was continuous, there having been a large increase in population, and in the number of dwellings erected. The revenue continued to show an increase, the total amount received, exclusive of a temporary loan, being £39,162 6s 8d, which exceeded the estimates by £1163 3s 5d. Of the £39,521 13s 10d received from rates, £18,939 is 3d represented the rates for the year, the balance of £1583 11s 7d being arrears. During the year £1069 9s 1d was contributed towards the cost of works carried out or in progress. The total expenditure was £27,265 11s 2d, or £1103 6s 6d in excess of the income, and exceeded the estimate by £320 9s 11d, owing to increased expenditure on public works. The repayments had further reduced the existing loans by £1685 19s 7d, the present liability of the borough being in respect to loans, £97,517 1s 4d. Towards the close of the year it is was found necessary to borrow temporarily £5000 to meet the expenses of the council until the rate revenue for the year could be collected. This loan of £5000 is still outstanding. The system appeared to him to be objectionable, and he suggested the raising of sufficient rates to provide a working balance, or a reserve fund, to be drawn upon as required. To meet the requirements of the municipality, owing to its phenomenal expansion, an increased expenditure would be essential next year. The fact that the rate revenue had been raised from £23,500 in 1900 to £39,521 in 1908—an increase of nearly £8000—showed how they had hitherto been able to keep pace with requirements without increasing the rate.

Mr. Benjamin Taylor notes that the latest annual report of the Inland Revenue Commissioners shows that the total number of distilleries at work in the United Kingdom in the year ended March 31, 1907, was 186, and that Scotland's proportion was 159, three fewer than in the previous year. These 159 distilleries in all produced among them 24,639,870 proof gallons of whisky, or 1,027,631 gallons more than in the previous year.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Feb. 26.

Junee, s, 2418 tons, Captain H. S. Steer, from Port Kembla. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.
Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.
Yulgilbar, s, 779 tons, Captain Beach, from Macleay River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.
Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain Langley, from Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.
Kempsey, s, 462 tons, Captain F. W. Merrett, from Macleay River. N. Clark's Coastal Co-operative S. Co., Ltd., agents.
Marion Fraser, 4-mast bq, 2264 tons, Captain Rees, from Newcastle. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.
Allowrie, s, 503 tons, Captain Greer, from Bateman's Bay. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Feb. 26.

Moultan, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports.
Nikko Maru, J.M.S., for Yokohama, via ports.
Marathon, s, for London, via Capetown and ports.
Mokoia, s, for Auckland, N.Z.
Monaro, s, for Newcastle.
Narioo, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Feb. 27.

Allowrie, s, for Eden; Illimeedo, s, and Coomonderry, s, for Moruya; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Kempsey, s, and Yulgilbar, s, for Macleay River; Fyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie; Hunter, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Feb. 26.

Mokoia, s, 3502 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, for Auckland and Wellington, via Bay of Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Wand, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and son, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Heaney, Mr. and Mrs. Jull and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hoadman, Mr. Cardamis and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Slade, Mr. and Mrs. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Lander, Belcher, Hart, Cohen and maid, Wood, Marion, Gillett and child, Hocking maid and infant, Kemp, Baker, Curraway, Cashen, Gray, Sargent, Misses Forsyth (2), Tizard, Forster, Tyndale, Wainwright, Sidney Gibbs, Boaden, Spinley, Baddin, Clark (2), English, Sinton, Churchill, Cashen, Freedman (2), Logan, Hardy, Messrs. Hunter, Townend, Colbourne, Mackintosh, Saunders, Ryland, Bibby, Taylor, Rainsford, Guthrey, Dossett (2), De Cartaret, Bing, Dallimore, Yeo, Howell, Blake, Parsons, Rankin, Pope, Cotterill, Newland, Morrison, Clark, Ratcliff, Richards, McIntosh, Beale, Bowman, Yadden, Smith, General F. Negrier, Saintlot, Cantrell, Jarrett, Rendorp, Jackman, Hector, Baker, Ingram, Prof. Bettmann, Cairnie, Grant, Linsay, Brayn, Black, Tigar, Eccles, and Master Freedman.
Vine Branch, s, 3442 tons, Captain Ritson, for Ho Ho and Manila, via Townsville.
Moultan, R.M.S., 9021 tons, Captain Henning, for London, via Hobart and ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.
Monaro, s, 2606 tons, Captain Leask, for Newcastle.
Marathon, s, 6772 tons, Captain Allan, for Capetown and London, via ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.
Nikko Maru, J.M.S., 5539 tons, Captain Harrison, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.
Mosgiel, s, 2086 tons, Captain Thompson, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain Rose, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Feb. 26.

Miowera, s, for Wellington.

IMPORTS.—Feb. 26.

Moorabool, s, from Geelong and Melbourne: 1999 bags onions, 81 cs confectionery, 128 bgs k earth, 25 cs squash, 855 bgs malt, 77 bgs malt, 136 cks bones, 15 cs fish, 1295 bgs potatoes, 50 cs chutney, 22 pkgs strawberries, 10 bgs bran, 594 pkgs sundries, 240 bgs chaff, 140 box chake, 132 pkgs castings, 25 pkgs chaffcutters, 114 head cattle, 15 bx iron, 27 pkgs steel, 468 bgs barley, 160 bls wool, 114 pkgs lead, 20 bgs flour, 50 cs butter, 25 cs bacon, 262 bgs chaff, 102 bls hay, 1416 bls straw, 100 bls fodder, a quantity of timber, and sundries.
Monaro, s, from Fremantle, via ports: 44 bgs potatoes, 238 box lemons, 141 bgs tin ore, 383 hides, 1816 bgs wheat, 25 bgs raisins, 4442 bgs chaff, 213 bgs ground bark, 636 pkgs soap, 100 bgs oats, a quantity of empties, fruit, and sundries.
Nardoo, s, from Adelaide: 2023 sks wheat, 1096 bgs flour, 230 sks salt, 60 pkgs bacon, 52 pkgs windm

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A moderate amount of business only was transacted on 'Change yesterday, chiefly at late rates. North Coast Steam rose /3, and Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery /3. The following sales were reported:—New South Wales Mont de Piete, 37/6; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Brothers, 10/9; North Coast Steam, 24/9. Afternoon: Tooth and Co., 40/; North Coast Steam, 24/9.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of each Share.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK.				£	£	£	
N.S.W. F.S.,							
5p. due 1912			3½	85	84	86	5½
5p. due 1912			3½	98	98½	99½	5
5p. due 1913			4	100½	100½		4
5p. due 1913			3½	99½	99½	100½	5
5p. due 1921			4	99	98½		5
5p. due 1924-5			4	104	103½	105	5
5p. due 1939			4	108	105	110	4
5p. Act 1873			4	100	100		4
5p. Deb., 1906			3½	100			3½
5p. 1906			4	104½	100		4
Bonds, T. Bills,							
1908			4	101½	100		
Bonds, T. Bills,							
1911			4	101			
N.Z. Deb., 1913			4	102	101	102	
Bonds, 1921							
Queens. Deb.,				103½			
1913			4	100	100	101	
Bonds, Tr. Bills			4	101½			
W.A. Inscr.				99			
Bonds, 1909							
Australian Gas			4	103½	101		
Bonds, 1927			4	103½	101		
City Bnd., 1916			4	101			
Do. 1908			4				
Gold. Sugar D.			5	108	107		
1914							
BANKS.							
Aust. 3 S.	25		10s	106	105	108½	5
Australasia	100		20	73½	74½	76½	5
City	100		20	66	65½		6
Do. New							
Commercial of				10½			
Australia	100		20	40			5
Do., pref.			10	20			
Com., Sydney	20		10	29	28½	30½	
Do. New				20½			
National of							
Australasia	100		5	92/6	91	92/6	
Do., pref.	50		2½	47½			
N. Brunswick	20		10	44½	44½	45½	
N. Zealand	100		20	91			
Queensland	100		20	21½	21½	22	
United	10		2½	12½	5½		
COAL.							
Ballarat	1		1	17½	61/	62/	
Bulli	1		1	29/	28/	30/	
Hetton Gretn.	1						
Hetton	1			61/	61/		
Mtmpo. and							
Wallsend	1			17/			
Do., pref.				10½			
Mt. Kembla Coal							
and Oil, Ltd.	10		10	5	7	7½	
Newcastle	1		1	7	6	7½	
North Bulli	1		1	1/	1/	1/6	
North Gretn.	10		10	12½	12½	13½	
Rockdale	1			5/6	5/6	6/	
Do., new				3½			
Waratah	5		5	23/	22/	25/	
Wonthaggi	1			29	28	29	
Do., new				1			
Wyee	1			1½			
Wyong	1			1½	1/	2/	
Young	1			14/		17/6	
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/		
Australian	6	6	15	19/6/6	19	19½	
Do., new	6		15	11	11	11½	
Gas. Towers	10		10	14/9			
Goulburn	1		8	20/6	20/		
Grafton				30/6			
Illawarra and							
Lees	1		1	21/	20/6		
Kiama	5		5	7	5½		
Metford	5		5	34/	35/		
Orange	5		5	22	20/		
Paddington	2		2	15	14½		
Penrith	2		2	15	6 11/3		
Sydney	100		8	30/6	30/		
North Shore							
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood	1			4	10/9	11/	
Tooth	10		10	30/	29/	30/6	
Tooths'	15		15	30	30	30½	
Sydney's	16		16	5/	5/	6/	
Swift's	1			40/	39/	40/	
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Anvil	1			2/	2/	2/3	
A. Taylor, Ltd.	10		10	23/	23/	24/	
Aus. News	1			1	1		
B. H. W. Sup.	15		15	10	10	11	
Burns, Philp	10		10	20/	20/		
Do. New Issue				20			
Do. Sugar	20		20	42½	42½	47½	
Do. New Issue							
Fraser and Co.	20		20	7	6½	6¾	
Dunlop Pneu.				10/			
Tyre, pref.	1		1	21/6	21/6	22/6	
Ewn B. Mall	1		1	4/10½			
Hints, pref. B.							
Ima and Pros.	1		1	1/6	1/6	1/9	
J. Wood, Inc.	10		10	14	12/	13/6	
Goodlet and							
Smith, Ltd.	1		1	14/9	14/	15/	
H. Mackenzie	1		1	7	2/9		
and,	1		1	7	2/9		
Hints, pref.	1		1	20			
Hotel Metro-							
pole	10		10	6	10/9		
Hints, pref.	10		10		34/		
Hoh. Trans	1		1	37/6	37/	38/	
North Pacific	1		1	18/9	18/3		
Hints, pref.	1		1	22/6	22/	22/9	
Pal and Grey	1		1	2/6	2/	2/3	
Tyre, Trust	1		2/6	5/	5/	6/	
Pyr. Trust	10		5	10	12/3	12/	12/6
Nat. Gas. Bad	1		11/	10			15/6
Qnland Meat							
Ind. and	1		1				7½
Richardson and							
Wrench	1		1	5	14/	18/	7½
Shell Trans	1		1	40	39/	40/	5
Sud. Cycloramas	1		1	5	16/	17/	6
Sydney Exch.	10		10	6	11/10/		
Syd. Hyd. and	1		1		6/6	21/	3½
Hints, son.	1		15/	15	14/6	15/3	6
Syd. Hyd. and							
Hints, pref.	1		15/	15	21/	20/	7½
W. H. Soul	1		1	10	4/	4/6	
Pitt, and Co.	1		1	10	4/	4/6	
LAND and BUILDING.							
Com. B. and L.	10		9		2/6		2/6
Equit. Dep.					6/		
Ind. Prov.	20		20	6	19/		
Inter. Inv.	1		15/	10	20/	29/	21/
Inv. B. and L.	1		1	6	19/		
Syd. Free. L.			8/7	20	2/		

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. † For six months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Quotations and Sales:—Gulf Steamship, b 30/3, s 27/6; Broken Hill Water Supply, b 21/, s 20/; Adelaide Gas, b 47/3, s 48/; Lion Brewery, b 57, s 7/6; Silverton, 6d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Quotations:—Queensland Trustees, 8/, 6/5; Queensland National Bank, b 19/6; ditto, inscribed stock, 17/2, 17/4; forward, 17/2, 17/6; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, s £98; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, 100/5/.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cent., 103, b £19/7/6, s £13/13/5; 3½ per cent. Treasury Bond, £90; 3 per cent. Stock, 101/, £91; Goldenhoop, 6/6; Metropolitan Gas, £10/9/; Silverton Tram, 8/; Iron and Steel, £13/10/.

FINANCIAL.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Here in Australia the financial situation is steady but sound. The deposits in the banks of the Commonwealth, which last quarter averaged about 111½ millions sterling, have never been greater, while advances, which for some few years were relatively on the low side, have once more begun to creep up, reaching just on 100 millions sterling. This is evidence of greater activity in trading and producing circles. Then, again, the banks have an aggregate gold reserve of over 25 millions sterling, which is also a record figure. The leading insurance societies are experiencing a prosperous time, their sole source of anxiety being the difficulty they are experiencing in making suitable investments for their ever-growing funds. The ordinary joint stock companies are for the most part participating in the general prosperity. The dividends declared for last half year are generally high, and the prices at which their shares are quoted on 'Change leave but a narrow margin for the investor. Indeed, investors with accumulating savings find the task of exchanging their money for desirable interest earning securities a nonsecure. This is a state of affairs insoparable, in Australia, at all events, from a prolonged period of prosperity. As to the outlook, it is good on the whole. Production will be maintained in most directions, but prices for our exportable produce will be considerably lower than was the case last year, which will reduce the return from agricultural, pastoral, and still more from mining enterprises. The last few good years having enabled borrowers generally to greatly reduce, if not completely extinguish, their indebtedness, have thus placed them in a position to stand some restriction in their incomes and still have a substantial margin, if only the seasons enable them to keep up their output.

THE TREASURER'S SCHEME.

Much interest is centring in the probable nature of Sir William Lyne's scheme for the readjustment of Federal and State finances. As is well known, the Treasurer absolutely discarded the scheme proposed by his predecessor, and sanctioned by the State Premiers at the Brisbane Conference. He expressed the view that the Commonwealth Government should provide no substitute for the Braddon clause of the Constitution that did not embody the taking over of the State debts. From a Melbourne source the Treasurer's scheme is foreshadowed. It is understood that it will provide for the payment of a fixed sum to the States, in lieu of the three-fourths stipulated for under the Braddon clause, and providing that any deficiency in the total amount of interest payable by the Commonwealth on the debts, and the amount returned to be paid by the States. The surplus over three-fourths of the Customs and excise revenue can be retained in the Commonwealth Treasury. A sinking fund may be actually created to extinguish the debts, and into this fund all existing sinking funds are to be paid, together with any savings of interest through the conversion of the State loans into 3 per cent. Commonwealth stock. More details are, of course, necessary before any criticism can be directed at the scheme.

MONEY ABUNDANT YET SCARCE.

The paradox of gold being more abundant and yet less easy to acquire has puzzled many of late. They have learned that on the one hand the world's production of gold never before was so great as in 1907, and, on the other, that the value of available capital has not been so high for generations. There almost seems a contradiction in these statements, but there is none. The chairman of the Canadian Bank of Commerce recently gave an illuminating speech on this subject, which is worth reproducing. He said:—"The scarcity of money arises from various causes. Roughly speaking, if one man wishes to borrow, another man must have saved it a shape ready for investment. If the world is in a debt-paying, and, therefore, also a saving mood, it will set aside annually more savings than are needed; and if the world's trade is expanding and profitable, and extravagance is, therefore, general, the reverse will be the case. A great French economist has endeavoured to state the conditions of the world as they existed in 1904. He estimates the capital needed that year for new commitments as £250,000,000, and the world's savings available for investment at not more than £200,000,000 or £250,000,000. There was, therefore, an enormous deficiency, and however near this may be to the actual facts it illustrates in a forcible way what the world is trying to do, and why interest rates have risen and the prices of all securities, no matter how excellent, have fallen. When we look at ordinary commercial banking operations connected with the production and movement of commodities, we must realise that as against an increased gold supply and much increased credit made possible thereby, there has been two fold tendency to increase the load of credit to be carried. First, a great increase in the quantity or number of articles of merchandise to be carried; and, second, a great increase in the price of almost all articles. Clearly, the world has gone far in the one direction, and now we must look for a mood of economy, in consequence of which personal extravagance will decline and savings increase, and the pace of the world's building operations and trade movement will somehow or other be slowed down by be accompanied by a fall in wages, however regretable, and by a fall in prices generally, although the steady increase in the gold output of the world and the power of certain great industrial organisations may be opposing factors to any large and permanent decline." This is doubtless the correct view to be taken.

A FACTOR IN THE WOOL MARKET.

The United States are a factor in the Australian wool market, not only through the direct operations of their buyers in the local markets, but indirectly through their purchases of Australian wool in London. It is of interest to learn, therefore, on the authority of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, that the number of sheep in that country fit for shearing in 1907 was 38,864,932, compared with 38,540,798 the preceding year. Decreases are to be found in some of the grazing States, because of larger shipments than usual last autumn, due to the attractive prices obtainable for both wool and sheep, while in some of the States of the east and middle west the numbers increased. Marked variations in prices were not experienced in 1907, which was a more profitable year than 1906, the average prices being nine to 11½ cents and 22 cents, a half cent higher than in 1906, the best previous average being 23 cents. The total clip, including pulled wool, was 298,294,750lb., a decrease of 420,380lb as compared with 1906. The scoured equivalent was 130,359,115lb, an increase of 848,176lb over 1906, due to the lighter shrinkage of the wools.

MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING.

In yesterday's issue was published the chief features of the report of the above company for the six months ended December 31, which was adopted by the shareholders. The following comparison may be made of the most important items in the balance-sheet:—

	Half-year ended Dec. 31. 1907.	1907.
Net profit	£5,935	£8,481
Dividend, per cent.	6	6
Amount of dividend	6 000	6,000
Forward	1,991	6,980
Liabilities—		
Capital paid up	200,000	200,000
Reserves	29,047	32,040
Debentures	150,000	148,500
Sundry creditors	22,192	25,868
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Property, plant, etc	369,336	370,913
Sundry debtors, etc	40,421	40,136
Cash in hand	95	59

GOLD SHIPMENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Norddeutscher-Lloyd steamer Grosser Kurfurst has taken £260,000 in specie from Melbourne for London, shipped by the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

At yesterday's wool sales only 4729 bales were sold under the hammer out of the 9443 bales offered. Private sales brought the clearances up to 5642 bales.

Only best wools sold well, withdrawals of other descriptions being heavy.

The possibility of the resumption of a regular mail service between San Francisco and Sydney will be welcomed by the mercantile community, who have been much inconvenienced of late by the irregular communication with the great Republic.

Silver for Australian coinage purposes, we learn, is likely to be minted locally before long.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Bank of Australasia, 1 higher, at b £101, s £103.

Bank of New South Wales, £1 higher, b £47, s £48.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged, b £58, s £59.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, b £6, s £5/10/.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guarantee stock, one more issued, 1 higher at £102.

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City of Melbourne 4 per cent., unchanged, at £101.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged, at £101.

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Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at £102.

COMMERCIAL.

The import markets yesterday were devoid of any particular features, many merchants grumbling at the slackness of trade. Very few sales of importance were recorded in teas, but a steady distributing trade continued in practically all grocery lines. The demand for tinned and salt fish being much above the ordinary values were naturally well maintained. Fruits were quiet, ordinary trade parcels going out at previous levels. The market for oils displayed but little activity, while quotations, except for castor oil (which sold at rates somewhat below the lower levels previously quoted), underwent no change. The reduction in castor applied both to cases and drums. Operations in jute continued to be restricted to the lowest possible limits, while quotations remained nominally about the same. A few lots of cornsacks were taken for the country at a full price, but no sales were reported in any other fabrics. The demand for fencing wires and wire netting continued fairly brisk, buyers operating freely for delivery in March and April; and the general tone of the market was satisfactory. There appeared, however, to be at least one holder of German wires, who was prepared to do black fencing wires who was prepared to do further business at rates which other holders regarded as being 2/6 below the market price for 8 and 10 gauges respectively. It was rather significant that considerably more sales were effected at the higher than at the lower rate.

COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) ACT.

AMENDED AND NEW REGULATIONS.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

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Blue Star, out of the St. Leger Stakes, and Galerea out of the Doncaster Handicap, were the scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting.

Yanko Creek Picnic Race Club (March 25), Lismore Turf Club (April 20 and 21), Henty Race Club (March 11), and Border Race Club (Jennings, April 20) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Up to 4 p.m. to-day owners of horses engaged in the V.R.C. St. Leger Stakes and the Australian Cup can relieve themselves of further liability by payment of second forfeit—5 sovs. and 3 sovs. respectively—and all remaining in after that hour become liable for the full stake.

The autumn meeting of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club resulted in a small profit.

The Hawkesbury Race Club (writes our Richmond correspondent) recently disposed of 22 of its Romney Marsh ewes to Major Lamrock, of Grose Vale, at two guineas each. The old club has done very well at sheep farming during the past few years, the proceeds assisting materially in financing it over reverses through poor meetings. This year the club expects to clear £200 out of the sheep. Country race clubs might with advantage follow the example set by the old Hawkesbury institution.

Our Peak Hill correspondent telegraphs that at a meeting of the Upper Lachlan Picnic Race Club it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Coradgery, on May 13.

The annual meeting of the Corowa Race Club was held on Tuesday (telegraphs our local correspondent), when the balance-sheet showed an improvement in the club's finances. The debit balance of No. 2 account has been wiped out. The date of the next annual races was fixed for March 27. The following officers were elected:—Patrons, Dr. W. H. Lang, Dr Spooner Hart, Messrs. J. G. Gray and W. C. Bayliss; president, Mr. H. Hay; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. B. Smith and R. F. Gardner; committee, Messrs. A. H. Hay, R. E. Nicolson, R. B. Gillies, A. Cullen, R. O'Leary, C. L. Lewis, P. A. Ryan, R. Thompson, J. Kight, and F. Jager; secretary, Mr. A. Shelly Smith.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

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The annual meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club, Limited, was held to-night, Mr. C. H. Hannell presiding. The annual report and balance-sheet were adopted. They showed that during the year £4097 had been distributed in prizes, and a profit of £3252 realised, although the racing days had been reduced by legislation from 18 to 13. The profit did not include £168 obtained from the sale of the old racecourse properties. During the year £4012 had been spent on appointments at the new racecourse. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. H. Hannell; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Wood; starter, Mr. J. A. Wood; clerk of scales, Mr. J. Fisher; committee, Messrs. C. H. Hannell, R. Steel, J. G. Cameron, J. Scahara, E. Meredith, D. Fisher, M. J. Moroney, F. J. Garnham, J. C. Wood, and A. F. Hall.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Another excellent exhibition was given to-day by the New Zealand mare Munjeet, who won the Newmarket Trial Mentone. There were half a dozen starters, and the ringmen accepted 5 to 4 about Munjeet. Lord Carlyon, after his form at Caulfield, was reckoned as Munjeet's most dangerous opponent, and so he proved. Munjeet was first out, but Lord Carlyon quickly passed her, and at the distance he looked to be going so well that even money was laid on his winning; but Munjeet finished very strongly, and, catching the South Australian at the half-distance, beat him home comfortably by a length. The time for the five furlongs, 1m 13⅘s, has never been beaten in Victoria, though at Randwick Kirry, Fulminator, Cast Iron, and Airlock each covered the distance in 1m 13s. Lord Carlyon, with 8st 2lb up, won the Hawksburn Handicap, at Caulfield, by two yards, and he ran right up to that form to-day. Munjeet gave Lord Carlyon 12lb to-day, and in the Newmarket Handicap she will be called upon to give him 16lb. True Scott finished behind the pair to-day. He and Munjeet met on level terms, but at Flemington Munjeet will have to give him 3lb. The imported mare, Sokinsha, finished quite a dozen lengths behind the placed horses, and Dusky Morn was two or three lengths further back, so that the Newmarket Handicap chance of neither looks bright.

Ganymedes, Boidel, and White Eyes, who are engaged in the Australian Cup, were starters in the Mentone Handicap to-day, and Ganymedes won by half a dozen lengths. He practically led all the way, and nothing could had a show against him. He had 7st 6lb in the Australian Cup. Ganymedes is also engaged in the Brunswick Stakes, to be run on Saturday, 7lb penalty bringing his weight up to 9st 8lb.

At Flemington this morning Tartan was out for walking exercise only. North Head and Duke of Clarence did a strong six furlongs gallop, while Mountain King registered an easy five furlongs. Decollette, Akim Foo, Collarit, and Apologue did various tasks. Greendier ran another smart half mile, and pulled up well. Caulfield, at Caulfield was the very well over five furlongs on the sand in 1m 4s, but he carried only a light weight. Little Toy was out for mild exercise, and seems all right again.

V.R.C. scratchings:—Ascot Vale Stakes: Escutcheon, First Bolo, Maltese Cross, and Noonday. March Steeplechase: Eucambene, Stress' Produce Stakes: Maltese Cross and Noonday. St. Leger Stakes: Montcalm and Siege Moi.

ASCOT RACING CLUB.

Pony and galloway racing under the management of the Associated Clubs took place at Ascot yesterday, in fine, pleasant weather. There was a good attendance, and the track was in good order. Results:—

Flying Handicap of 25 sovs.,-second 3 and third 2 sovs. from the prize, 4½.—Good Rose, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Mooray, 9st 3lb (A. Thompson), 1; Terara, 8st 12lb (A. Williams), 2; Pivot, 9st 9lb (Logue), 3. Other starters: Lady Isabel, 8st 8lb; Gladsome, 7st 12lb; Disaster, 7st 9lb; Le Var, 7st 7lb; Barrenrote, 7st 7lb; The Player, 7st 7lb; Croxdale, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Good Rose, 7 to 1 each v Disaster and Lady Isabel, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 54⅘s.

Novice Handicap of 25 sovs., second 3 and third 2 sovs. from the prize, 4½.—Molla, by Little Bernie—Oasis, 8st (A. Norris), 1; The Riot, 8st 4lb (S. M'Donald), 2; Gillie, 8st 4lb (H. Russell), 3. Other starters: Hot Gold, 9st; Patrol (late Gamp), 9st; Lady B.B., 8st 12lb; Support, 8st 9lb; Lady Kitty, 8st 7lb; Phrosa, 8st 7lb; Kinnie, 8st 7lb; Diamond (late Kamona), 8st 2lb; Mariella, 8st; Elsie, 8st; Albert Marie, 8st; Kenmar, 8st; Wirragella, 8st; Grey Dawn, 8st; Find Out, 8st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Molla, 3 to 1 v Support, 7 to 1 each v Gillie and Emmie, 10 to 1 v others. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 56⅘s.

Fourteen Hands Maiden Handicap of 20 sovs., second 4 and third 1 sov. from the prize, 4f.—Skydon, by William Tell—Warpaint mare, 7st 7lb (Cook), 1; Alone, 7st 10lb (Fletcher), 2; Lady Tatts, 8st (S. M'Donald), 3. Other starters: Haut Girl, 8st 5lb; Encounter, 8st; Donor, 8st; Blarney Girl, 8st; Phebus, 8st; Alice B., 8st; Lady Northcote, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Haut Girl, 3 to 1 each v Alone and Alice B., 4 to 1 v Phoebus, 6 to 1 v Blarney Girl, 10 to 1 v others. Won by five lengths. Time, 51⅘s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs., second 3 and third 2 sovs. from the prize, 5½.—Kilderkin, by Cyrenian (imp.)—Kilmorey, 8st 7lb (Vick), 1; Boldie, 7st 10lb (Russell), 2; Loongana, 8st 3lb (Thompson), 3. Other starters: Miss Mayfield, 9st 2lb; Bluey, 7st 8lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Kilderkin, 3 to 1 each v Miss Mayfield and Loongana, 7 to 1 each v Boldie and Bluey. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 10s.

Ascot Handicap of 65 sovs., second 10 and third 5 sovs. from the prize, 7f.—Reginald, by Gerard, 7st 11lb (V. Fletcher), 1; Blue Diamond, 9st 5lb (A. Norris), 2; Kilcoy, 7st 5lb (A. Williams), 3. Other starters: Opinion, 8st 3lb; Sarsfield, 8st 2lb; Sparrow, 7st 12lb; Quality, 7st; Music, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Reginald, 5 to 2 v Blue Diamond, 4 to 1 v Sarsfield, 5 to 1 each v Kilcoy, Sparrow, and Music, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 30⅘s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 30 sovs., second 3 and third 2 sovs. from the prize, 4f.—Middle Harbour, by Hawkesbury—Diadem, 9st 1lb (Le Vella), 1; Annie, 7st 7lb (G. Russell), 2; Egypt, 9st 2lb (Norris), 3. Other starters: Little Fellow, 8st 8lb; Spider, 8st 5lb; Rejoice, 8st 2lb; Astoria, 8st 2lb; Cocky, 8st 1lb; Delores, 8st 7lb; Game Lass, 8st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Egypt, 2 to 1 v Middle Harbour, 6 to 1 each v Rejoice and Cocky, 7 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 56⅘s.

Approved Stakes (Handicap) of 35 sovs., second 6 and third 3 sovs. from the prize, 5½.—Levant, by Gossoon—Entangle, 7st 7lb (Cook), 1; Claria, 8st 12lb (D. M'Donald), 2; Mahomet, 8st 7lb(Norris), 3. Other starters: Worry, 9st; West Coast, 8st 9lb; Lady Mack, 8st 7lb; Quota, 8st 5lb; Stuart, 8st; Crookhaven, 7st 9lb; Rex, 7st 7lb; Pilgrim, 7st 7lb; Thrush, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 1 v Clarla, 6 to 1 v Mahomet, 8 to 1 each v Lady Mack, Pilgrim, and Crookhaven, 6 to 1 each v Levant and Thrush, 7 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 10s.

NARRABRI JOCKEY CLUB.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The Narrabri Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was opened to-day in the presence of a good attendance, and in splendid weather, while there was some good racing. Results:—

Opening Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 6f.—D. E. M'Kinnon's b g Gay Hampton, by Jolly Hampton—Miss Hawthorne, 3yrs, 8st 2lb, 1; P. King's b m Belmore, 6yrs, 8st 9lb, 2; S. G. Kendall's b m Citrona, 3yrs, 8st 4lb, 3. Other starters: Fairylock, 7st 11lb; C.B.S., 7st 11lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Gay Hampton, 3 to 1 v Citrona, 4 to 1 each v Belmore and Fairylock, 5 to 1 v C.B.S. Won by three lengths.

Park Stakes of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 2 sovs. from the prize, for all horses that have not won 2 sovs. from the prize, at time of starting, 4f.—A prize exceeding 12 sovs. at time of starting, 6f.—J. C. Smith's b g Mordialloc, by Lancaster—Myrtle, 5yrs, 9st 5lb, 1; A. Palmer's bl m Reno, 5yrs, 8st 11lb, 2; T. Longworth's b g Prince Merv, 4yrs, 8st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Gale, 9st; Metha, 8st 7lb; Prince Llanellan, 8st 2lb; Covah, 6st 10lb, Limerick Lad, 7st 12lb. Betting: Even money on Reno, 3 to 1 each v Mordialloc and Limerick Lad, 4 to 1 each v Gale and Prince Merv, 10 to 1 each v Covah and Prince Llanellan. A splendid race; won by a head, two lengths separating second and third. Time, 1m 20⅘s.

Summer Handicap of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the prize, 7f.—J. R. Inches' br m Una, by Nobleman—Telopia, 4yrs, 8st 4lb, 1; C. E. White's ch h Redneer, 4yrs, 8st 4lb, 2; D. M'Kinnon's b g Starlight, 3yrs, 8st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Citrona, 8st 11lb; Hunter, 8st; Dalrymple, 7st 8lb; Mordialloc, 7st 4lb; Blackthorn, 7st 2lb; Glister, 6st 9lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Una, 3 to 1 each v Citrona and Redneer, 4 to 1 each v Starlight and Dalrymple, 5 to 1 each v Hunter, Blackthorne, and Citrona. A good race; won by a length. Time, 1m 32⅘s.

First Hack Race of 10 sovs., 6f.—J. Malone's b g Thuraggie, by Camden—Manilla, aged, 8st 5lb, 1; A. Palmer's b m Reno, 5yrs, 8st 7lb, 2; F. J. Marsden's ch g Monarch, 5yrs, 7st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Stretton, 9st 9lb; Mayboy, 8st 10lb; Covah, 8st 10lb; Peer, 9st 5lb; Prince Merv, 7st 6lb; Lady Meny, 7st 13lb. Betting: 7 to 2 v Thurragie, even money on Reno, 3 to 1 v Prince Merv, 4 to 1 v Monarch, 5 to 1 each v Stretton and Mayboy, 6 to 1 each v Lady Meny and The Peer, 10 to 1 v Covah. A good race; won by a length. Time, 1m 20s. A protest was lodged against the winner on the grounds that he had been running among ponies.

Stewards' Purse of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 2 sovs. from the prize, 7f.—E. J. Jurd's b m Necklet, by Grafton—Ornamade, aged, 8st 4lb, 1; F. H. Morley's br m Una, 4yrs, 8st 13lb, 3; R. Thurston's b g Squander, 8st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Miss Idalia, 9st 5lb; Blackthorne, 8st 7lb; Winter, 7st 12lb; C.B.S., 8st 7lb; Misadventure, 8st 4lb. Betting: 4 to 1 v Una, 7 to 1 v Necklet, 4 to 1 v E.K.W., 5 to 1 each v Squander and Blackthorne, 10 to 1 v Miss Idalia. Won comfortably by two lengths from Una, with Squander several lengths away third. Time, 1m 32s.

MENTONE RACING CLUB

MUNJEET WINS THE NEWMARKET TRIAL.

GANYMEDES THE MENTONE HANDICAP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Mentone races were held to-day in fine weather, and there was a good attendance. The Newmarket Trial, run over six furlongs, an event at special weights, gave the New Zealand mare Munjeet another opportunity of showing her quality.

Details:—

Trial Handicap, 8f.—Mr. Lynch's Dhoti, by Banbury—Laudrea, 8st 4lb (F. M'Donell), 1; Mr. Bull's Assistance, 6st 7lb (A. Bell), 2; Mr. Roberts' Frivolity, 7st 7lb (C. Bolton), 3. Other starters: Geebung, 10st 2lb; Lorenzo, 9st 12lb; Honeymoon, 8st 7lb; Joan, 8st 3lb; Twin Wonder, 8st; Yattaya, 8st; Maida, 7st 11lb; Socialist, 7st 11lb; Yeoval, 7st 9lb; Warrayure, 7st 8lb; Fingerton, 7st 3lb; Coranto, 7st 5lb; Columbine, 7st 5lb; Dacia, 7st 3lb; Polly Prim, 7st 3lb; Bright Glen, 7st 3lb; Medicine, 6st 12lb; Quicksilver, 6st 11lb; and Mallow, 6st 7lb. Betting: 9 to 2 v Socialist, 5 to 1 v Coranto, 7 to 1 each v Maida and Dhoti, 8 to 1 v Yeoval, 10 to 1 each v Lorenzo and Frivolity, 12 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths; three-quarters of a length between second and third; Socialist fourth, Coranto and Yeoval next, and Fullerton and Polly Prim last. Time, 1m 24s.

Hurdle Race, 2m and 30yds.—Mrs. Douglas's Alert Dream, by Dreamland—Alert, 9st 5lb (W. Douglas), 1; Mr. Beazley's Designer, 10st 5lb (S. Howie), 2; Mr. Conerdit's Argument, 9st 7lb (F. Dunn), 3. Other starters: Choir Boy, 10st 11lb; Phillip Worth, 10st 11lb; Newmarket, 10st 5lb; Mairoo (late Acme), 10st 3lb; The Barrier, 10st 1lb; Hedering, 9st 7lb; Louise, 9st; Kaluna, 9st; Tattie Moor, 9st. Betting: 3 to 1 v Designer, 4 to 1 each v Argument and Phillip Worth, 7 to 1 v Choir Boy, 8 to 1 each v The Barrier and Alert Dream, 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths; a similar distance between second and third; Kaluna was fourth, Tattie Moor and Louise next, and Newmarket last. Phillip Worth fell at the last hurdle. Time, 3m 49s.

Newmarket Trial, special weights, 6f.—Messrs. Price and Carl's b m Munjeet, by Stepniak—Madder, 8st 9lb, rect. 3lb penalty (E. Turner), 1; Mr. James's Lord Carlyon, 9st 11lb (W. M'Lachlan), 2; Mr. J. Hoare's True Scot, 8st 9lb (W. Evans), 3. Other starters: Dusky Morn, 8st 2lb; Sokinsha, 7st 5lb; Starling, 7st 5lb; Lady Baldock, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Munjeet, 9 to 2 v Lord Carlyon, 5 to 1 v Dusky Morn, 10 to 1 v True Scot. Won by a length, a length and a half between second and third, Sokinsha a bad fourth, Dusky Morn fifth, and Starling last. Time, 1m 18⅘s.

Mentone Handicap, 8½f.—Mr. J. M'Cann's Ganymedes, by Port Admiral—Calirrhoe, 8st 7lb (R. Lewis), 1; Mr. J. C. Smith's Lancasterlie (late Pearlmaster), 7st 12lb (A. Bramman), 2; Mr. R. Bradfield's Evanche, 7st (W. H. Smith), 3. Other starters: Queen Mary, 8st 9lb; Boidol, 7st 7lb; and White Eyes, 6st 9lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Ganymedes, 4 to 1 each v Evanche, Boidol, and Queen Mary, 10 to 1 v White Eyes. Won by six lengths, four lengths between second and third, White Eyes was fourth, and Queen Mary last. Time, 2m 8⅘s.

Mentone Cup, 1½m.—Mr. Miller's Lord Nolan, by Grafton—Orpheline, 9st 12lb (J. Barden), 1; Mrs. J. C. Smith's Boomey, 7st 11lb (R. W. Brennan), 2; Mr. M'Kenzie's Croat, 8st 6lb (P. Hickey), 3. Other starters: Sweetman, 8st 12lb; Mr. Bull's Assistance, 8st 6lb; Earl of Lygon, 8st 2lb; Splash, 8st; Meg Miller, 7st 7lb; Scramble, 6st 12lb; Clipper, 6st 10lb; Whitebait, 6st 10lb; Maida, 6st 8lb; and Mary, 6st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Lord Nolan, 3 to 1 each v Miller, 7 to 1 each v Croat and Catapult, 8 to 1 each v Splash and Sweetness, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third; Meg Miller was fourth, Sweetness and Splash next, and Mary last. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

Mentone Purse, 6f.—Mr. Lenny's Lady Hova (late Rush), by Hova—Arajoo, 7st 4lb (W. H. Smith), 1; Mr. Moore's Brok Tear Mistake, 8st 3l (J. Adams), 2; Mr. Bell's Assistance, 7st 3lb (A. Bell), 3. Other starters: Zoraya, 9st; Orleans, 8st 12lb; Hecuba, 8st 10lb; Mahogany, 8st 7lb; Cocoa, 8st 5lb; Ethos, 8st; Eclire, 8st 5lb; Batignolles, 8st 5lb; Wirregah, 8st 4lb; Boyong, 8st; Perilous, 8st; Courtly, 7st 12lb; Anonymous, 7st 9lb; Makapan, 7st 9lb; Spycraft, 7st 9lb; Gratonoise, 7st; and Belgrong, 6st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Merrigong, 5 to 1 v Batignolles, 6 to 1 v Lady Hova, 7 to 1 each v Assistance and Frivolity, 10 to 1 v others. Won by five lengths, three lengths between second and third; Frivolity was fourth, Wirregah and Anonymous next, and Perilous last. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

BRAIDWOOD JOCKEY CLUB.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

The annual races, which were held to-day, attracted a large attendance, which included a number of visitors from the adjoining districts. The weather was dull and threatening, and a slight shower fell later in the evening, but the course in splendid order after the recent rain, the country looking beautiful, and the grass growing well. Results:—

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Forgester, by Rose, 1; Surprise, 8st. 5; Ishorise, 7st 12lb, 3. Tippo 7st 7lb, also ran. Betting: 6 to 4 on the winner. Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1m 23s.

Hurdle Handicap, 6f.—Eloquence, 7st 12lb, 1; Tattler, 8st, 2; Westmead, 8st 6lb, 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Tattler, 6 to 4 v Eloquence. Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1m 18s.

Black Race.—Sweet Alice, 8st, 1; Peer, 8st, 2; Sholto, 8st 7lb, 3. Five starters. Won by two lengths.

Braidwood Cup, 1½m.—Merok, by Beauchamp (imp.), Miss Bullseye, 8st 12lb (Mr. Greenaway), 1; Ishorise, 9st 6lb (Miller), 2. Pagoda, 7st 10lb, Tabu, 7st 5lb, also ran. Betting: Even money on Merok, 6 to 4 v Tabu. Leaving the straight Tabu took the lead, which he held to the four-furlongs post. Then Merok forged ahead, was not afterwards approached, and won by four lengths, a neck separating second and third. Time, 3m 15s.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Sweet Alice, 9st 8lb, 1; Eloquence, 10st, 2; Westmead, 10st, 3. Scratched, also ran. Betting: Even money on Eloquence, 3 to 1 v Sweet Alice. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 18⅘s.

Flying Handicap, 7f.—Highflyer, 10st 5lb, 1; Inversary, 7st 5lb, 2; Tattler, 8st 4lb, 3. Peer, 9st 5lb, also ran. Betting: 2 to 1 on Highflyer. Won easily. Time, 1m 32⅘s.

Forced Handicap, 6f.—Ben Tyrovato, 10st, 1; Merry Lad, 9st 7lb, 2; Wonga, 11st 12lb, 3. Time, 1m 25s.

CUDAL JOCKEY CLUB.

CUDAL, Wednesday.

The Cudal Jockey Club's annual races took place to-day in the presence of a good attendance, and in splendid weather. There were several close finishes. Results:—

Trial Stakes.—Terene, 1; Asthore, 2; Parlee, 3.

Boree Handicap.—Church Hour, 1; Kingle, 2.

Hack Race.—Illiptium, 1; Kimberley, 2; Silprail, 3.

Cudal Jockey Club Handicap.—Terene, 1; Kingle, 2.

Derrowie Welter Amateur Handicap.—Kingle, 1; Gladys, 2; Pharelee, 3.

Forced Handicap.—Asthore, 1; Church Hour, 2.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR THE CUP.

The following weights have been declared for the Newcastle Cup, 1½m and 50yds (run March 14):—Melodrama, 9st 10lb; Collarit, 9st 8lb; Artful, 9st; Mosman, 8st; Decollette, 8st 10lb; Putty, 8st 10lb; Malt Rose, 8st 10lb; Lord Merv, 8st 10lb; Retrencher, 8st 10lb; Aragain, 8st 10lb, Bruce, 8st 10lb; The Climax, 8st 10lb; Thalaba, 8st 8lb; Comely, 8st 8lb; Mimosa, 8st; Finella, 8st; The Acolyte, 8st 7lb; Highflyer, 8st 4lb; Lucians, 8st 2lb; Sivori, 8st 2lb; Absentee, 8st; Karanaud, 8st; Grafton Lad, 7st 12lb; Lady Kane, 7st 12lb; Diadumeni, 7st 10lb; Le Vella, 7st 10lb; Kleclair, 7st 10lb; Zelle, 7st 12lb; Proprietor, 7st 10lb; Chaperon, 7st 10lb; Eric, 7st 10lb; Astron, 7st 8lb; Allister, 7st 8lb; Mustang, 7st 8lb; Lord Beauchamp, 7st 8lb; Lancasterlie, 7st 8lb; Hildebrook, 7st 8lb; Simoniquet, 7st 8lb; N. and R., 7st 2lb; Field Gun, 7st 2lb; Simnel, 7st 2lb; Blue Foam, 7st 2lb; Mentmore, 7st 2lb; Miss Muriel, 7st; Australian Sun, 6st 10lb; Solitary, 6st 10lb; Lady Grace, 6st 10lb; Adorer, 6st 10lb; Duma, 6st 10lb; Lion Heart, 6st 10lb; Sea Hawk, 6st 10lb; Miss Chance, 6st 10lb; Lady Fucile, 6st 10lb; Lady Loch, 6st 10lb; Punica, 6st 10lb; Minx, 6st 7lb; Goldrock, 6st 7lb; Refiner, 6st 7lb; Meteora, 6st 7lb; Adios, 6st 7lb; Ismailia, 6st 7lb; Mordialloc, 6st 7lb; The Robber, 6st 7lb; Tyrin, 6st 7lb; Argos (imp.), 6st 7lb; Lagan, 6st 7lb; Turcutia, 6st 7lb; Kantigoss, 6st 7lb; Lord Simmer, 6st 7lb; Ben Albi, 6st 7lb; Chatter, 6st 7lb.

ROSLYN RACES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for the Roslyn races:—

Roslyn Handicap.—Ballast, 9st 5lb; Schoolboy, 9st 11lb; Combo, 8st 9lb; Keswick, 7st 13lb; Reform, 7st 12lb; Little Joe, 7st 3lb; Orrvelle, 6st 7lb.

Opening Handicap.—Ballast, 9st 5lb; Schoolboy, 9st 2lb; Combo, 8st 10lb; Reform, 8st 5lb; Keswick, 7st; Little Joe, 7st; Lady Massey, 6st 7lb; Orrvelle, 6st 7lb.

Flying Handicap.—Schoolboy, 9st 5lb; Arizona, 8st 12lb; Reform, 8st 4lb; Keswick, 8st 2lb; Little Joe, 8st 12lb; Fonica, 8st 12lb; Crenelle, 8st 9lb.

LITHGOW JOCKEY CLUB.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for Saturday's races:—

Vale Stakes.—Adnor, 10st; St. Cloud, 9st 9lb; Taylor, 9st 4lb; Partridge, 8st 7lb; Pupil, 8st 5lb; Partnum, 8st 5lb; Linaris, 8st 5lb; Miss Kingsley, 8st; Step In, 8st 5lb; Cowley, 7st 7lb; Sunol, 7st; Goldbug, 7st 12lb.

Zig-Zag Handicap.—Horrocks, 9st 5lb; Too Nice, 9st; Warpaint, 9st 10lb; Afterdine, 9st 7lb; Wemble, 9st 7lb; Violetta (late Camden), 9st 7lb; Carbonate, 9st 7lb, Locket, 8st 7lb; Mangaleer, 8st 5lb; Tryer, 8st; Bab, 7st 7lb; Possum, 7st 7lb; Auratia, 7st 7lb.

L.J.C. Handicap.—Adnor, 9st 12lb; St. Cloud, 9st 7lb; Trylee, 9st 2lb; Grandella, 8st 9lb; Nickel, 8st 5lb; Step In, 7st 7lb; Cowley, 7st 5lb; Theaford, 7st 4lb; Goldbar, 6st 10lb.

Eskbank Welter.—Trylee, 10st 10lb; Partridge, 10st 8lb; Parmerese, 10st 3lb; Linaris, 9st 10lb; Horrocks, 9st; Carbonate, 8st 7lb; Cowley, 8st 7lb; Violetta, 8st; Sunol, 8st; Goldbar, 8st; Jack M'Grath, 8st.

Hartley Plate.—Trylee, 9st 5lb; Pupil, 8st 10lb; Nickel, 8st 7lb; Linaris, 8st 5lb; Grandella, 8st; Miss Kingsley, 8st; Too Nice, 8st; Step In, 7st 8lb; Cowley, 7st 8lb; Sunol, 7st.

BEGA JOCKEY CLUB WEIGHTS.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for the Bega District Jockey Club show race meeting, to be held on or about March 6:—

Trial Handicap, £30, 6f.—Needle, 9st 5lb; Stitch-in-time, 9st; Lady Esther, 8st 4lb; Wood Queen, 8st 2lb; Hilltop II., 7st 9lb; Winter, 7st 7lb.

March Handicap, £30, 5f.—Icicle, 9st 5lb; Ino, 8st 12lb; Sennawood, 8st 8lb; Eloura, 8st 8lb; Ballyrogan, 8st 2lb; Coracle, 8st 12lb.

Hurdle Race, £25, 2m 156yds.—Kendledale, 11st 6lb; Manitoba, 10st 5lb; Delighted, 10st; Tiny Tim, 9st 8lb; Unseen, 9st 5lb; Inglewood, 9st; Stormaway (imp.), 8st.

Nursery Handicap, £20, 6f.—Don't Forget, 8st 5lb; Saladin, 8st 7lb; Winter, 7st 12lb.

High-weight Handicap, £20, 7f.—Icicle, 10st 6lb; Manitoba, 8st 4lb; Ballyrogan, 8st 3lb; Projector, 9st 8lb; Unseen, 8st 10lb; Jacobite, 8st 8lb; Coracle, 8st; Lady Esther, 8st; Hilltop II., 8st; Ethos, 8st; Stormaway (imp.), 8st.

Show Handicap, £40, 1m 110yds.—Woodrose, 9st 13lb; Icicle, 8st 7lb; Ino, 8st; Sennawood, 7st 12lb; Delighted, 7st 10lb; Projector, 7st 4lb; Coracle, 7st.

MAJOR'S CREEK NEW RACE CLUB.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

The following are the nominations for the meeting of the Major's Creek New Race Club to be held on the 2nd prox.:—

Opening Handicap.—Westmead, Highflyer, Harbour Lass, Eloquence, Sungod, Frogeater, Pagoda.

Major's Creek Handicap.—Chlorine, Highflyer, Eloquence, Peer, Kylee, Pagoda.

Welter Handicap.—Surprise, Westmead, Highflyer, Harbour Lass, Sungod, Frogeater, Pagoda.

Farewell Handicap.—Chlorine, Highflyer, Harbour Lass, Eloquence, Peer, Sungod, Kylee, Pagoda.

GOLF.

AUSTRALIAN G.C.

The following is the draw for the return match, captain v secretary's team:—A. E. D'Arcy (captain) v O. C. Wallace, 1st 10lb; C. Hoskins v T. L. Mackenzie, E. L. Apperly v Gordon Craig, G. W. Holdship v Sydney Jones, H. M. Cockshott v K. J. R. Macarthur, C. F. Metcalfe v James, R. F. Reading v W. A. Windeyer, Kidd v G. Barker, T. L. Smith v Dr. W. M'Murray, P. Allan v G. S. Buzacott, H. Worrall v J. R. Milne, R. R. Wisdom v A. Windeyer, Jun., Tillyer v Baker, T. Bell v Rolin v A. R. J. Watt, J. S. Allen v H. R. Hepworth, P. G. Sharpe v H. G. Holle, T. W. Garrett v R. T. Dibdin, Reed v Purdon, E. H. Bally v F. Walsh, O. L. M'Coy v A. M. Shannon, W. H. Warren v W. L. Docker, Dr. Brady v D. S. K. Milne, W. A. Balcombe v C. G. Hodgson, Dr. T. S. Dixon v E. K. Satchell, E. J. Maplestone v K. R. Moore, Fred. Alderson v A. R. Tummer, Dr. T. M. Martin v J. Currie Elles, R. Blaxland v J. P. Johnson, E. H. Adams v R. H. Crowther. Players may arrange their own times for starting.

MOSS VALE G.C.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

A choice score competition was played yesterday by the associate members for a trophy presented by Miss Fairfax. The results were:—

Miss L. Wray	43+1=44
Miss Stevenson	40—2=46
Miss Clift	43—3=47
Miss L. Morrice	53—3=50
Mrs. M'Carthy	60—10=50
Miss M. Morrice	74—10=64

CRICKET.

COOMA, Wednesday.

In the Ryrie Cup competition, Michelago, 250, defeated Queanbeyan on the former's wicket by an innings and 180 runs.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY UNION ANXIOUS.

MORE CONCESSIONS.

The N.S.W. Rugby Union has approved of a scheme to give assistance to country branches, under the scheme provides for a series of competitions between thirty branch unions with a view to finding which is the strongest team. The N.S.W.R.U. will pay the cost of the interchange of visits, and the branch unions in each group will pool the proceeds from the matches.

METROPOLITAN UNION.

At last night's meeting of the Metropolitan Rugby Union it was arranged that the Glebe Club should go to Brisbane, and play the premier club there on May 2.

The Metropolitan Union has decided to have players insured next season.

The managing committee for next season consists of Messrs. A. Green, J. M'Mahon, E. S. Marks, and J. Paton.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

SYDNEY BICYCLE CLUB.

The Sydney Bicycle Club will hold its postponed cycling carnival at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. The first event will start at 2.45.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA.

The monthly meeting of the Automobile Club will take place this evening, at the rooms in Elizabeth-street. It is expected that the date for closing entries for the coming sealed handicap on March 12 and 14 will be made known.

ARRIVAL OF CYCLING CHAMPIONS.

Floyd Mac Farlane, Clarke, Stark, and Glencross, who have for the past few weeks been racing on the saucer track at Melbourne, arrived in Sydney yesterday. Clark and Macfarland anticipate leaving for America shortly.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

The Queensland cyclists, who competed unsuccessfully at the championship cycling carnival at Moore Park, were entertained at dinner last night at Baumann's Cafe. Afterwards the visitors met at 81 Elizabeth-street, where a smoke concert was held. The Queenslanders leave for their homes to-day.

SAILING.

ST. GEORGE SAILING CLUB.

A race for motor boats will take place under the auspices of the above club on Saturday next, round the Gawley and Kogarah Bay course. Following are the entries and handicaps:—Mr. William Stewart's The Bell, scratch; Mr. F. Belmore's Sandringham, 3m; Mr. J. Swainson's Miral, 5m; Mr. A. Stuart's Sunbeam, 5m 10s; Mr. C. Brunner's Dawn, 5m 30s; Mr. J. Stuart's Gracie, 5m 30s; Mr. J. Fleming's Elsie, 7m; Mr. W. Jones' White Star, 10m 30s; Mr. Walter Stuart's Diadem, 11m; Mr. Syndicate's Peach, 13m; Mr. H. Short's Petrel, 14m; Mr. W. Mildwater's Loombah, 23m. The whole of the race can be viewed from Rocky Point and the vicinity.

SWIMMING.

PORT-STREET MODEL SCHOOL.

Entries close on Saturday for events in connection with the above school carnival with Mr. E. Howson, secretary N.S.W. A.S.A., at Sports Club, Hunter-street; or the club secretary, Mr. W. A. Selle. The following officials have been appointed to control the carnival, which will be held March 7, at Rushcutter Bay:—Referee, Mr. G. H. Stainley; starter, Mr. A. W. Griffiths; check starter, Mr. E. J. O'Dowd; judges 100 yards events, Messrs. J. H. M'Laughlin, J. Chambers, F. Handle; 200 yards, Messrs. J. Hall, J. Bowden, A. C. W. Hill, F. C. Rigney; judges diving championship, Messrs. W. W. Hill, C. D. Jones, F. C. Williams; timekeepers, Messrs. W. Kent, Roberts, and J. Carney; costumes steward, Mr. C. D. Jones.

CLEVELAND-STREET SCHOOL.

Some of those in charge with it is impracticable to hold at the annual carnival on March 11 next were contested yesterday at Hellings' baths. The principal race, the 50 yards championship of the school, evoked much enthusiasm. It was won by A. Fell in the fast time with P. Boardman second, and A. Bellingham third. The handicaps for senior and junior classes resulted as follows:—Seniors, 50yds: M'Namara, 1; P. Boardman, 2; A. Bellingham, 3. Juniors, 50yds: Evans, 1; Ryan, 2; Gillett, 3.

SYDNEY LADIES' CLUB.

The following entries have been received for the 100yds breast stroke championship of N.S.W. (Lady Rawson Shield), to be decided at the above club's carnival at Lavender Bay baths next Saturday afterno

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

In connection with the assessment of district coal mines, the police magistrate has given a further decision respecting the Corrimal and Mount Pleasant collieries.

Corrimal mine, total assessment £23,007; North Illawarra municipality, £2525; Bulli shire, £20,482.

Mount Pleasant mine, total assessment £17,737; North Illawarra municipality, £1737; Wollongong, £701; Bulli, £14,299.

The medals and cup in connection with the Illawarra Rugby Union's competition were presented last night by the patron, Mr. A. P. Thomson. The winners are:—Buccaneer, a gold medal and silver cup for first grade; gold medals for Illawarra, Bulli, and Waratahs, gold medals for second grade.

At the Quarter Sessions Court, Arthur Fee, 46 years of age, was acquitted of bigamy. Albert Ernest Howard was acquitted of stealing 52 sleepers at Uladulla. The jury added that accused left the court without a stain on his character.

PROPOSED IRRIGATION RAILWAY.

NARRANDERA, Wednesday.

A largely-attended public meeting, convened by the Mayor, was held in the council-chambers on Tuesday for the purpose of taking action with a view to getting the Government to construct a railway along the Northern Murrumbidgee irrigation canal to connect with the Hay line between Whitton and Narrandera. It was resolved to form a league called the Narrandera Irrigation Railway League, and a sub-committee was appointed to frame resolutions to be submitted at a general meeting on Monday.

CHURCHES.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The "Month's mind" of the late Dean Bean was celebrated to-day in the rink, which was crowded. All parts of the district were represented: 16 priests from various parishes in the district, from Port Macquarie to Murwillumbah, took part in the service. Archpriest Walsh, of Maclean, was celebrant, Monsignor Ahern, Vicar-General of Casino, presided, Father Williams, of Ballina, preached.

HILLSTON, Wednesday.

The Rev. C. Griffin, who has been stationed in the Hay and Hillston districts for the past five years, was farewelled at a social evening, and presented with a purse of sovereigns, on the occasion of his transfer to Broken Hill. General regret is expressed at his departure. His was very popular amongst all classes.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

A harvest festival service was held at St. Stephen's Church, Mittagong, on Sunday. The church was decorated with various products, which was disposed of on the following day at a "market sale" was held in the schoolroom adjoining. A programme of music and various competitions was gone through on Monday evening, and the church fund will benefit to the amount of £10 from the festival.

PORTLAND, Tuesday.

The ceremony of blessing the new Convent School was performed on Sunday morning by the Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. J. M. O'Reilly, Rector of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, and the Rev. Father Heath, parish priest. After the ceremony the occasional sermon was preached by Father O'Reilly, and a collection taken up towards the expenses of the building. Over £50 was collected in the church, in addition to a large sum promised. On Sunday afternoon the sacrament of confirmation was administered to about 30 children. During his three-days' visit the Bishop conducted a mission for the people, all the services being largely attended.

MUNICIPAL.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

At the last meeting of the council it was resolved that each alderman should consist of four aldermen, exclusive of the Mayor, who is ex-officio chairman of all committees. A ballot for the election of committees resulted as follows:—Finance, Town Hall and library committee, Aldermen Rouse, Whitfield, Harvison, and Davis; works committee, Aldermen Webster, Sutton, Thorn, and Deadman; gas committee, Aldermen Cahalan, Chapman, Deadman, and Shepherd; health, park, and hackney carriage committee, Aldermen Rouse, Harrison, Shepherd, and Webster.

At a meeting of the local council last night the Mayor moved, and Alderman Whitfield seconded,—"That inasmuch as a general rate of 1d in the £ on unimproved values would be insufficient to meet necessary expenditure, an additional general rate should be struck on the unimproved values." The Mayor pointed out that the object of the motion was to settle the method of rating, and not in any way to deal with the amount of the additional general rate, which would be fixed after the estimates of revenue and expenditure had been adopted. Rating on unimproved capital value was in accordance with the spirit of the Act, and would be an advantage to the municipality, especially as the Government would not pay rates on the improved capital value of any of its properties. The motion was carried unanimously.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The finance committee's report to the municipal council shows a total credit balance of £326 11s 8d. The council decided to make a temporary loan of £1000 from the water account to the general account, till the rates are collected. The Mayoral allowance was fixed at £250.

MULLUMBIMBY, Wednesday.

At a public meeting it was decided to accept the shire council's terms in regard to apportioning the Mullumbimby rate money.

It was resolved to form the Mullumbimby Municipality as soon as necessary steps were taken.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

The unimproved capital value of rateable property in the Nowra Municipality has been returned at £125,960; improved capital value, £234,310; total value, £175,135. The council last night adopted a proposal by the finance committee that the ratepayers of the whole municipality pay a gas rate. Hitherto the lighting rate was paid by ratepayers within a special area, embracing portions of North and Central Wards.

ORANGE, Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Orange Council last night it was decided to vote the outgoing and incoming Mayors £250 each.

TUMUT, Wednesday.

The following were elected aldermen yesterday:—Messrs. Jenkins, Elphick, Carr, Beeggs, Henry Hoad, George Hoad, Baker, and Lyle.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

At the Quarter Sessions Court Michael John Finegan was remanded to next Sessions on a charge of larceny, the jury having failed to agree. The appeal of Bernard Coughlan against the decision of the police magistrate, fining him on a charge of serving a drunken man with liquor, was sustained.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions opened yesterday, before Judge Pitcharding. Mr. Edmund O'Conor was Crown Prosecutor. Wm. Cowie, Roland James, and Thomas Spencer, for having maliciously destroyed a quantity of goods at the Scarborough Hotel, valued at £15, were sentenced—William Cowie to nine months' imprisonment, Roland James to two years. Thomas Spencer to 14 months'. Bertie Rupert Marcean was acquitted of larceny. Emily Alice Pollock was acquitted on a charge of stealing. John Humphries was acquitted by direction on a charge of stealing.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Bathurst Musical and Literary Association was held on Monday, Mr. H. P. Craig presided. The report showed a successful year, and a credit balance of £121. The following officers were elected:—Patrons, Aldermen E. B. Kenny, E. T. Webb, John Meagher, M.L.C., John Miller, M.L.A., A. G. Thompson, and Dr. Machattie; president, Mr. H. P. Craig; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. C. Beavis, A. Garland, A. Jones; treasurer, Mr. A. C. Curtiss; committee, Rev. Archdeacon Mears, A. B. James, H. H. Shepherd, J. P. Cornwell, D. H. Fuller, W. J. Anderson, F. Campbell, H. P. Melville, J. W. Wood, R. B. Kelton, A. Saunders, L. Edgley, J. M. Davis, C. Whalan, E. Goldsby, W. S. Hodge, G. H. Evans, and G. Macks.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The newly formed Citizens' and Parents' Association in connection with the Cooma Superior Public School has purchased a type-writing machine for the senior girls' class. An all nations' fair is to be held to provide funds for school equipment; the Old Scholars' League is assisting this movement. Technical classes will shortly be opened in Cooma for shorthand and carpentry.

Improved mail services are being sought by residents of several parts of the district. Further complaints of lengthy delays in the despatch of telegrams to and from Cooma are reported. Yesterday a telegram handed in here soon after noon could not be despatched until four hours later, owing to the line being occupied.

Regarding the proposed additional accommodation at the Cooma post-office, the Secretary to the Postal Department advises that owing to the works directors suggesting modifications which will provide more accommodation for the telephone exchange and battery-room, it has been found necessary to refer the matter to the electrical engineer for report. This arrangement would increase the estimate to £755, or £55 more than the original plan.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (Victoria) will arrive here on the 13th prox., and Bombala the following day. Statements will be received from residents concerning the proposed railway from Bairnsdale, via Orbost, to the New South Wales border.

Mr. A. J. Burrows, captain of the Berridale Rifle Club, was presented with a travelling bar by members of the club at a farewell social prior to his departure from the district.

COLLARENEBRI, Wednesday.

Typhoid fever has now abated in Collarenebri. The last of the hospital patients left that institution on Saturday, and no fresh cases have been reported.

Last night the progress committee met a representative of the Works Department, and discussed the matter of a water supply for the town. The Barwon River, where there is a never-failing supply of water, is less than 200 yards from the two hotels and leading stores of the town, and yet the old out-of-date water slide is the only means for providing water for the townspeople. The scheme now brought forward for reticulating the town would cost about £1900, and on this amount the residents are asked to pay 4 per cent. interest, and a sinking fund of 2 per cent.

FORBES, Wednesday.

On Tuesday at the local police court attention was drawn to the fact of prosecutions being instituted and prosecutors not turning up to substantiate their claim. The case was one in which J. G. Smith was brought, on summons, from Lithgow, and on the court opening it was asked, on behalf of the prosecution, that the matter be allowed to stand over until the end of the list. At the end of the business, the complainant not having entered the court, the matter was again adjourned till 11.30, and on the court resuming at that period there was still no appearance of the prosecutor or the solicitor who had asked for the adjournment, and the case was dismissed.

Mr. James Foley, farmer and vice-president of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, was last evening entertained by the latter body and his friends at the Club House Hotel, prior to his departure to Wagga.

GOSFORD, Wednesday.

Mr. John Smith died last night at the Lewisham Hospital, where he underwent an operation for an internal complaint. He was a native of the district, and had a large family by his first wife. Three years ago he remarried.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

At a public meeting last night resolutions were carried favourable to the establishment of markets in Grafton. A committee was appointed to draw up a prospectus and arrange preliminaries.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Goulburn District A.H.C. Guild, the district warden (Mr. Cooper) presided. Besides the officers, delegates were present from Goulburn, Crookwell, Burrowa, Yass, and Queanbeyan branches. The report stated that the year had been one of continuous success. During the year 57 novices were admitted, and the membership roll is now 444. The funeral fund has a credit of £1581 15s 3½d, and the management fund one of £16 1s 9d. The total funds to the credit of the district are £1593 16s 1d. During their stay the visiting delegates were driven to St. Patrick's College, the Passionist Monastery at Mary's Mount, and the Orphanage at Kenmore.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

Mr. A. J. Piesley, P.M., who has been transferred to Grafton, was farewelled by members of the legal profession. Mr. John Jamieson, the relieving P.M., was welcomed on his appearance on the bench.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The application of the Airly Political Labour League for setting apart as a common at Airly, about 720 acres, W. J. Gallagher's improvement lease, is to be referred to the local land board for inquiry, to enable the residents to state their case.

Mrs. John James, who has resided at Piper's Flat for the past 24 years, died yesterday morning. While seated at breakfast she was taken suddenly ill, and expired in a few minutes.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

Mr. J. Lynch, M.P. for the district, has been informed that plans are being prepared for immediately erecting a Peak Hill Public School. The Minister has also approved of tenders being invited for the erection of a new Public school building at Tomingley. A new school is being erected at Mingelo to replace the building destroyed by fire some months ago.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

When Mr. H. Willis, M.P., was in Singleton during the Empire Day celebrations, he promised to present the Singleton Public school with a Commonwealth flag, so that it might be flown in Singleton, in Wales, and another received in exchange. The flag from Mr. Willis has arrived, and is in charge of Mr. Dunlop, headmaster of the Singleton Superior Public School.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The Governor-in-Council having appointed Messrs. Cameron, Baskett, and Kennard to the seats in the municipal council that were not filled at the elections, the first meeting of the newly-constituted council was held last night. Alderman Rose was nominated as Mayor for the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Dr. Sturgess, who has disposed of his practice to Dr. Rygate, was entertained at a dinner by the members of the medical and dental professions in the town prior to his departure for Sydney, and he was presented with a gold fountain pen by the committee of the School of Arts, of which he was vice-president.

Chief Superintendent Milne, who is an enthusiast in ambulance work, addressed a meeting of railway employees on Saturday night, and it was decided to form a class at the local station.

COASTAL RAINS CONTINUE.

PATCHES OF HEAVY SEA.

The weather chart for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday shows that further rains, light to moderate in character, have fallen along the seaboard, over the Hunter and Manning districts, and on parts of the central and northern tablelands. A heavy shower passed over the city during the early hours of yesterday morning, but the total quantity registered at the Observatory being upwards of half an inch. A complete list of the rainfalls will be found in another column.

Cloudy to showery conditions still ruled at 9 o'clock yesterday morning along the South Coast and over the Hunter and Manning districts, and parts of the Blue Mountains. The heaviest fall during the day occurred at Port Macquarie, where 59 points were registered, the next best fall being a quarter of an inch, at Newcastle.

It was still raining last night at Byron Bay, Ballina, Woolgoolga, Bellinger, Nambucca Heads, Port Stephens, Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Taralga, and Port Macquarie.

Patches of very heavy sea were reported yesterday from different parts of the coast—both to the north and to the south of Sydney. At Kiama the "stand-off" signals were hoisted, and shipping operations at that port were practically suspended. The steamers Allowrie and Moruya were unable to enter on account of the dangerous conditions. There was a heavy break on the bar at the Tweed Heads, right in the extreme north of this State, and rough seas were running last night at Bellinger, where the steamer Rosedale is aground, Lake Macquarie, and Catherine Hill Bay.

The meteorologist says that the conditions will continue unsettled to-day along the coast and over the tablelands, but fine weather will rule inland.

Broken Hill Water Supply, Limited.—The residents engineer advises by wire:—"Rainfall, 70 points town, 30 points creek, 10½ inches rise reservoir.

STATION REPORTS.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have received the following reports of Queensland rainfalls:—Cubbie station, St. George: "11th 45 points, 12th 87 points, Nov. 24th, 67 points, 11th 61 points, 12th 12 points." Narine station, St. George: "11th inst, 3 inches." Gumbardo station, Adavale: "11th inst 112 points." Kilmorey station, Cunnamulla: "12th 30 points, 11th 158 points." Amby Downs station, Roma: "813 points, Cornwall 530 points, Bymount 69 points." Fort Constantine station, Cloncurry: "127 points."

QUEENSLAND STATION REPORTS.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have received the following reports of Queensland rainfalls:—Noondoo Station, St. George: 17th inst., 25 points; 18th, 97 points Boondi Station, St. George: 17th inst., 09 points. Amby Downs Station, Roma: 20th inst., 71 points.

CLIFTON.—Heavy rains which have fallen here at times flooding the streets of the town.

CUNDLETOWN.—Rain commenced to fall here on Thursday, and has continued until Monday. For the 48 hours ended 9 a.m. to-day 681 points were recorded, and 1054 points have been recorded for the last four days. The river is flooded, and the water is lying on top of the Government wharf. The Jones Island-Coopernook road is covered for about three miles. Altogether over 15 inches of rain have fallen here.

GRAFTON.—Showery weather still continues, and the river is still running a banker. The rainfall during the past 48 hours was 1010 points, making a total of nearly 20 inches since the new year.

EMMAVILLE.—There was another heavy fall of rain on Sunday afternoon, 41 points being registered. This makes over 7 inches for the month. The weather is now fine.

GRAFTON.—There was a further rainfall on Monday, making 10in for the month.

MACLEAN.—Heavy rain has fallen since Saturday morning, 15in in all being registered. The creeks are flooded, but no damage has been done to the maize crops so far. It is still raining.

RICHMOND.—Up to 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon 295 points were registered.

SPRINGWOOD.—The various mountain streams have been turned into torrents, and the ground is thoroughly saturated. Orchardists and dairymen are jubilant over the rainfall, which, since the beginning of February, has been very heavy. Since January over 16 inches has fallen.

VICTORIA.

GIPPSLAND BUSH FIRE CLAIMS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

As the result of investigation made by the boards appointed to inquire into the claims for assistance by 90 sufferers from the recent bush fires in Gippsland, the Government has decided to advance £2075 for grass seed, £149 for fencing wire, and £79 10s for iron.

A CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The man Smith, who was arrested in connection with the death of John Tilly at Jeparit on Friday night, has been committed for trial by the coroner on a charge of manslaughter.

SALVING THE HINEMOA.

A writ has been issued on behalf of the Huddart Parker Company Propy., Ltd., owners of the steam tug Eagle, against the ship Hinemoa, claiming £3000 for salvage services on January 23.

A LUNATIC ESCAPES.

A lunatic named Benjamin Harvey, admitted recently to the Ararat Asylum for the Insane, escaped on Monday morning. He was dressed only in his shirt, but as some clothing is missing from the neighbouring slaughter-house, he is believed to have appropriated it.

NEW MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

The committee of the Melbourne Hospital to-day decided that the pig market site at Parkville was the best for the new Melbourne Hospital.

THE BALLARAT TRAGEDY.

The police are still searching diligently for William Iles, the missing witness whose evidence is expected to throw some light on the last movements of Mrs. Graham, the victim of the Ballarat tragedy.

The State Cabinet has decided to limit to 54 hours a week the time of work for males and females employed in fourth schedule shops and hotels, coffee palaces, and all premises for which a colonial wine licence or a billiard license is in force, or which are used as clubs. The previous limit was 60 hours a week.

A sum of £20,000 is to be spent by the Metropolitan Board of Works with a view to obtaining additional water from the Maroondah system during the next spring and summer, estimated at 7,000,000 gallons per day.

CESSNOCK COLLIERIES.

CESSNOCK, Tuesday.

All the collieries in the district continue to work full time. Development work is being pushed on with a view of supplying the increasing demands for coal, and the exportation from each colliery is increasing fortnightly.

The work of making the return line at North colliery is progressing well; the surface works are also well under way. The average wages earned daily by miners at this colliery is about 13s 6d or 14s, and it is expected this mine will be one of the best money-makers on the South Maitland field. No coal-cutting machines are used in the mine.

A fire broke out in the Aberdare Extended colliery on Wednesday. The miners knocked off work, and an exaggerated report soon gained currency that the mine was on fire. After some hours of labour the fire was overcome, and work was resumed on the following morning. It was thought the fire was caused by the furnace in the air shaft. As the fan was practically in readiness, the management decided to do away with the furnace and start the fan. The engineers at once began work, and on Wednesday night it was satisfactory to hear when the fan, which on the following morning began its permanent duties.

The temporary fan appliances were taken from Cessnock to Messrs. Alex. Sheddon and Co.'s mine at Greta on Saturday afternoon. This mine is also advanced, and is already bringing coal to the surface.

The work of driving the tunnels at Bellbird colliery advanced well during the early part of the week, but later was interfered with by bad weather. Owing to the heavy rain a good deal of water has accumulated on the workings. Clearing is still in progress on the property, as the Hetton Company has lodged an application for permission to build screens, etc., that work will shortly be gone on with.

As a result of the beneficial rains the dams at the collieries are filled to overflowing.

At the ballot for the secretaryship of the Aberdare and Aberdare Extended Miners' Lodge, Mr. Andrew Sneddon (retiring secretary) and Mr. C. B. Saunders each secured 228 votes. As a result, another ballot will be held to-night.

VICTORIAN WHEAT EXPERIMENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

An important report on the steps necessary to improve the wheat yield has been submitted to the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Swinburne, by Mr. F. E. Lee, Superintendent of Field Experiments. During the last harvest Mr. Lee visited the wheat districts of New South Wales and South Australia to ascertain what was being done officially in the neighbouring States. Mr. Lee found that New South Wales had made greater advances than any of the other States. The scheme Mr. Lee favours will embrace three objectives —increasing the average wheat yield, the improvement of the milling qualities of the principal wheats grown, and the improvement of their bread-making qualities. Sustained work will be carried on over a series of years. It is proposed to establish four 10-acre experimental seed farms, at wheat-testing mills (a list can be obtained, and some of the choicer new wheats raised in New South Wales will be tested in the experimental seed farms, and others will be raised by cross fertilisation.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

DOCTORS DIFFER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Application was made on Monday to the High Court for special leave to appeal from a judgment of the Full Court of Western Australia. The action was commenced in September, 1906, by Dr. Cameron, of Boulder, against Dr. Irwin and four other medical practitioners at Boulder, in which the plaintiff claimed damages on account of defendants having combined to injure him in his profession. Defendants afterwards moved to set aside the judgment on the ground that there was no evidence that the defendants' object had been to injure plaintiff. The Full Court set aside the judgment, and entered judgment for the defendants. The action arose out of an arrangement amongst the local practitioners to refuse consultation with two medical men who were supposed to be guilty of certain practices, and also to refuse consultation with any others who consulted with consultants of the men complained of. The application was refused with costs.

LIGHTNING RIDGE OPAL FIELDS.

COLLARENEBRI, Wednesday.

The Lightning Ridge opal fields are still booming, and from present appearances are likely to vie with White Cliffs in importance and richness. There are about 600 people on the field at the present time, and others are daily arriving. The coaches from Collarenebri, of which there are seven, are being kept going taking new arrivals out. A successful miner passed through here a few days ago on his way to England, after being only a few months on the field, during which time he unearthed over £1000 worth of opal.

A flour famine is now troubling the residents of the opal fields, however. The recent heavy rains having made the roads impassable for teamsters, the extraordinary rush that has taken place during the past few weeks to the fields has cleared the storekeepers out of flour and groceries. As much as 10s per bag for carriage on flour is being offered for quick delivery at the fields—a distance of 43 miles.

The late rains filled all the tanks and waterholes about the Ridge. The Government tank, which was only partly constructed, was filled up, and will have to be emptied in order to complete the work.

The miners are agitating for the extension of the telephone line to the fields from Moongulla, a distance of about 25 miles, as well as the establishment of a direct mail service between Collarenebri and the opal fields.

METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY.

RESERVOIRS RISING.

Prospect reservoir at 9 a.m. yesterday stood at 5.75ft. below overflow level, equal to an impoundage of 9142 million gallons; Cataract Reservoir was 113.85ft above the bed of the river, equal to an impoundage of 6032 million gallons, or a total impoundage of 15,174 million gallons—about half the total storage capacity of both reservoirs. Rain has fallen as follows since the 20th inst.:—Prospect, 337 points; Broughton's Pass, 214; Wilton, 122; and Cataract Dam, 265. The Nepean River, which was flowing at the rate of 208 million gallons per day on the 20th, fell to 47 million gallons on the 24th, but had risen yesterday to 110,000,000 gallons. The total amount of water coming into Prospect yesterday was at the rate of 73 million gallons per day, on Tuesday it was 54 millions, and on the 22nd 100 millions.

COAL-MINING COURT.

LOSSES ON FOREIGN TRADE.

THE INFLUENCE OF STRIKES.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The Coal Mining Court resumed this morning.

Mr. F. L. Doddimeade, managing director of William Laidley and Co., at his request, was examined in camera. When the court was opened he said his company were the proprietors of Rhondda and Co-operative mines. Two-thirds of the coal from Rhondda went to foreign markets. To maintain the foreign trade considerable expenditure was necessary. For instance, he was absent two years in Europe selling coal. At present the company had a representative travelling round the world securing orders. The foreign demand was chiefly from the Pacific Slope and the East, but Japan and India were strong competitors in those markets. Owing to the large production of oil they could not now get the same prices there for coal. Japan sold large quantities of coal to America. The fluctuation of freights seriously affected the coal trade, and Newcastle was handicapped in this respect. The freight from Japan to Singapore was only 2s 6d, compared with 10s from here. Rhondda coal had very little sale on the West Coast, as it could not compete with low-grade coals found there. There had been a boom in the coal trade all over the world, but that had burst. Their foreign representative reported that each port was overstocked, and trade could not be expected as formerly. The fall in metals was responsible for the diminution in the demand, and the world's markets were overstocked. The firm in Sydney had a contract to supply 60,000 tons this year to the West Coast, but this had been cancelled. He had one for 30,000 tons cancelled. Three years ago they sent 1500 tons of coal to East Africa, under the advice of Mr. Valder, Commercial Agent in South Africa, and lost £2300 on it. Since the mine had opened they had lost between £5000 and £6000 on foreign shipments. During strikes many ships left port empty, and much trade was lost. Recently they had received a cable from Singapore, asking for a guarantee that a steamer would be loaded within a certain time. They replied, saying the vessel would be loaded twelve days, under the strike or a billiard license is in force, or which are used as clubs. The previous limit was 60 hours a week.

A sum of £20,000 is to be spent by the Metropolitan Board of Works with a view to obtaining additional water from the Maroondah system during the next spring and summer, estimated at 7,000,000 gallons per day.

CESSNOCK COLLIERIES.

CESSNOCK, Tuesday.

All the collieries in the district continue to work full time. Development work is being pushed on with a view of supplying the increasing demands for coal, and the exportation from each colliery is increasing fortnightly.

The work of making the return line at North colliery is progressing well; the surface works are also well under way. The average wages earned daily by miners at this colliery is about 13s 6d or 14s, and it is expected this mine will be one of the best money-makers on the South Maitland field. No coal-cutting machines are used in the mine.

A fire broke out in the Aberdare Extended colliery on Wednesday. The miners knocked off work, and an exaggerated report soon gained currency that the mine was on fire. After some hours of labour the fire was overcome, and work was resumed on the following morning. It was thought the fire was caused by the furnace in the air shaft. As the fan was practically in readiness, the management decided to do away with the furnace and start the fan. The engineers at once began work, and on Wednesday night it was satisfactory to hear when the fan, which on the following morning began its permanent duties.

The temporary fan appliances were taken from Cessnock to Messrs. Alex. Sheddon and Co.'s mine at Greta on Saturday afternoon. This mine is also advanced, and is already bringing coal to the surface.

The work of driving the tunnels at Bellbird colliery advanced well during the early part of the week, but later was interfered with by bad weather. Owing to the heavy rain a good deal of water has accumulated on the workings. Clearing is still in progress on the property, as the Hetton Company has lodged an application for permission to build screens, etc., that work will shortly be gone on with.

As a result of the beneficial rains the dams at the collieries are filled to overflowing.

At the ballot for the secretaryship of the Aberdare and Aberdare Extended Miners' Lodge, Mr. Andrew Sneddon (retiring secretary) and Mr. C. B. Saunders each secured 228 votes. As a result, another ballot will be held to-night.

NORTH SYDNEY SEWERAGE OUTFALL.

Recently the adequacy of the outfall works in connection with the sewerage scheme for North Sydney was questioned, and it was determined to bring the matter under the notice of the Water and Sewerage Board. It was alleged that untreated sewage was allowed to pass into the stormwater channel and thence into Willoughby Bay, and a request was made by the local council that the conditions should be remedied.

At Tuesday's meeting of the council a report received from the engineer-in-chief to the Water and Sewerage Board was submitted. It stated that the complaint was not connected in any way with the outfall works, inasmuch as the stormwater channel referred to drained a considerable area, and that a large quantity of filth of the roads and from the various Chinamen's gardens in the neighborhood was carried down it. Sewage from premises at the bay and from a boatshed also ran into the bay, and it would be found that this was probably the cause of the complaint. During heavy storms sewage, he said, was so highly diluted that it was no worse than storm water. Provision could be made to prevent the possibility of any matter passing from the works into the stormwater channel, but he looked on that as purely a contingency. An inspection of the shores at the seawall amply proved that the outfall works had caused no nuisance, and in view of that fact he saw no necessity for altering the present arrangements.

The report was referred to the sanitary committee for consideration.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

RIFLEMEN AT VARIANCE.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

Further developments have occurred in connection with the dispute between the National and Northern rifle associations in the matter of holding the annual prize meeting of the Northern Rifle Association at Adamstown or Singleton.

A resolution was carried at the last meeting of the Northern Rifle Association demanding the handing over of the subsidy and return of the programme within a certain time. This period having expired, and the demand not being complied with, the Northern Rifle Association is taking a more decisive step. A local sub-committee appointed to investigate the difficulty sums up a voluminous report by claiming:—(1) That the National Rifle Association has blundered, and its action is an unjustifiable assumption of authority it does not legally possess; (2) that the reason offered by the National Rifle Association for holding the meeting at Adamstown, viz., the convenience of the greater number, actually strengthens the case for Singleton, unless restricted in its operation to an impossibly petty and local view point, to a point inconceivable as consistent with the policy of the Defence Department.

The position has been placed before the Minister for Defence, and in the meantime an ultimatum has been delivered to the National Rifle Association.

PORTLAND, Wednesday.

A club shoot promoted by the rifle club resulted as under:—

900yds, eight shots, bursting point 39.—C. Miller (Capt. 3), 40, 1; J. Gooley (2), 39, 2; J. Kemp (4), 41, 3; T. Tierney (4), 36, 4.

800yds, eight shots, bursting point 38.—W. Rutherford (Capt. 3), 39, 1; H. Parker (2), 37, 2; P. Stinson (5), 37, 3; J. Gooley (2), 36, 4.

800yds and 900yds, seven shots, bursting point 66.—R. Mason, scr. 44, 1; J. T. Evans (7), 61, 2; W. Corbett (2), 60, 3; T. Cook, scr. 57, 4.

1000yds, five shots.—W. Rutherford (2), 21, 1; C. Wettig (4), 20, 2; J. Kemp (3), 15, 3; Captain Boyd, scr. 13, 4.

Aggregate for Shoot.—W. Cordell, 141, 1; R. Mason, 139, 2; C. Wettig, 137, 3; Captain R. H. Boyd, 136, 4.

WALLERAWANG, Wednesday.

Following are the weekly competition scores of the Wallerawang Rifle Club, eight shots at 200 and 300 yards:—J. Freestone, 35, 38—63; Roper, 29, 33—62; R. Miller, 34, 28—62; Lee, 31, 29—60; White, 32, 28—60; N. Williams, 27, 31—58; Chester, 31, 26—57; J. Williams, 24, 29—53; Wells, 26, 25—51; Winchester, 28, 20—48; Palmer, 32, 28—61; Phelan, 28, 28—61.

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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

CITY MISSION REPROACHED.

The annual meeting of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales was held at the institution, Thomas-street, yesterday, Sir Arthur Renwick, M.L.C., presiding. There was a good attendance.

The report dealt with the work of the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, the Hospital for Infants and Asylum for Women and Children, Thomas-street, and the Outdoor Relief and Stores Department. During 1907 fifty women and 53 children were admitted into the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, and the Hospital for Infants and Asylum for Women and Children. Compared with the previous year, 1906, these figures showed an increase of 20 women and 30 children, the increase in the work being entirely due to the steady development of the Royal Hospital for Women. The society's institutions and department had received many kindly friends of humanity, both officially and otherwise. An invitation was extended to all interested in charitable affairs to make an inspection of the society's work. The society's debt balance had been in part created by £658 during the year, and now stood at £4823. The subscriptions and donations totalled £4316, an increase of £413 over the previous year. At the present time the society was assisting the State on the £ for £ basis, so that the society collected, with the addition of amounts claimable under legacies, £1884 more than was paid for. The estimate for 1908 is £7 for £ subsidy. This year's estimates did not provide for the special gift of £1000 to the society, the Government support thus being reduced by £1000, and the directors were at a loss to understand, in view of the society's financial obligations and necessities, what reason could have induced this reduction in its allowance, seeing further that a drastic promise was received from the responsible Minister after careful inquiry to increase the vote. It was regretted that no arrangement had been completed whereby the personal payments of patients in the hospitals could be received. During last year these contributions amounted to £224 7s 6d, every penny of that money being returned to the Government. Legacies totalled £2395, and were received from the following estates:—The late W. H. Dunlop, £50; the late Matilda M'intyre, £60 10s; and the late Ebenezer Way, £50. The report of the Royal Hospital for Women showed that the work in all branches had been of the utmost benefit to the public.

The medical report showed a steady increase of work and efficiency in both gynæcological and obstetric departments. The number of indoor patients was 615, but of these 41 were stillborn, and of the 33 deaths 21 were of prematurely-born children. The number of adult dead-born patients' cases was 188, showing an increased to such an extent as to demand larger premises. During the year treatment and medicines had been dispensed to 6000 cases, an increase of 188 on last year. The total attendance numbered 2641. The number of infants treated last year was 240, including those sent by the State Children's Relief Department, being a net increase of 30. The hospital had also afforded facilities to 20 medical students for experience in obstetric practice. The establishment of an up-to-date pathological department, which it was hoped would be completed in the current year, would greatly increase the efficiency of the indoor hospital work.

The doors of the Hospital for Infants and Asylum for Women and Children had never been shut to the reception of the destitute mother with her infant. Of the destitute young women admitted 24 were primiparæ, and 15 were mothers with infants, many of these women the average age of whom was under 25 years, being in a most friendless condition. Of the 463 infants dealt with by the society last year 90 were admitted without their mothers, and of these latter seven were foundlings brought to the institution by the police. Stress was laid on the necessity where possible, of keeping the mother and child together, admitting the mother with the child, and no system for the treatment of infant life, the directors were firmly convinced, would ever be really successful which did not provide for the suckling of the child by its natural guardian, the mother; and any proposal which was submitted for the initiation of a public foundling or infants' hospital would be opposed, unless the mothers were allowed to return to the bosom of society, freed from natural responsibility, could never meet with the society's approval. The society was then still the public entertainer in these lines, and time had not changed them. It had been dealing with infant life for nearly a century, and for some decades past as a result of the experience of the medical and nursing staff departments all encouraged the fostering of the infant by the mother. It would be noted that the large majority of infants admitted to the asylum were illegitimate, their mothers being single women largely to this that the records of the society in the salvation of infant life were so satisfactory. Only 25 infants had died, representing 5.3 per cent. of the total admitted. Suggestions had been placed before the public from official sources recommending the establishment of a home for mothers and infants, where they should remain together for a period of six months. While the directors had every sympathy with these endeavors to assist social purity, there were extreme risks in the practice of charity. It was apparent to those in constant touch with the work of dealing with mothers and infants that nothing could be further from the interests of the child than the separation of the mother and women would not be forced to live for six months under the barrack system, however much society might desire it.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. The institution had always set its face against foundling institutions, being convinced that these were a curse, as indicated by a recognition of their operations in Europe and elsewhere. These institutions did much harm, and their social results were most unhappy. The society refused to mother-craft the infant children as far as possible, as did that useful institution, the Mothers' Refuge and Benevolent Asylum, at the Glebe. He was surprised that any action should be taken by the Government to assist social work on different lines, as they made for social disorder. The society did a great deal for the City Mission, and only wished that the Mission would acknowledge the fact in the annual reports. If the society had been fairly treated by the Government it would not now have an overdraft. He referred in terms of high praise to the efficiency of the staff of the institution in all its branches.

Canon Boyce seconded the motion.

Alderman John Harris moved, Mr. Robert Anderson seconded, and it was carried, "That the thanks of this meeting be given to Parliament, and also to the public for grants, subscriptions, and donations of the past year."

The following office-bearers were appointed:—Sir Arthur Renwick, president; Messrs. J. Harris, R. Anderson, and H. Hammond, vice-presidents; Mr. J. M. Sandy, honorary treasurer; Messrs. John Williamson, James Gregg, C. Metcalfe, W. C. Penfold, and A. D'Arcy, board of directors.

The following were appointed life governors, in consideration of the following legacies:—John Sym Dunlop (estate of the late Mr. Dunlop, £50), Rev. Reginald Noake (estate of the late Matilda M'intyre, £50 10s), and Mr. Arthur Way (estate of the late Ebenezer Way, £50).

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BISHOP—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK A. BISHOP are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, John James; to leave their residence, Wolf's-avenue, Hurstville, THIS THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock noon, for the Necropolis, via Newtown station.
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